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THE TELEGRAPH.

SAMANTHA WHIPPLE SHOUP IN INDEPENDENT.

The darkness and the silence lie
Between your soul and mine,
Like some great river rolling by
Beneath a night of stormy sky,
Where not a star may shine.

But, as beneath the sullen brine
'Twixt land of kindred speech,
There runs a slender, living line
O'er which there flash, by lightning sign,
The thoughts of each to each.

So, 'neath that parting flood of death
There runs a living fire
Of steadfast memory and faith,
Of love not born for mortal breath,
Between your soul and mine.

Social Glints and Flashes.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.

Rev. Jordan Williams Grand Deputy and Organizer of Knights of Honor was in the city recently in the interest of the order. The Y. P. U. is very interesting. It meets every Monday night. Mrs. Anna Briggs who died the 10th inst, was buried by the B. C. A. society of which she was a member. S. H. Hibbler has moved from North Cypress to South Main street. Miss Josie Rye visited her parents. She is teaching near Greenfield. The ladies of St, Paul A. M. E. church entertained the city elegantly Christmas week. The wedding bells rung the 24th inst. Lewis Johnston and wife of Poplar Grove passed through the city en route to Hot Springs. Grant Watson will soon commence teaching in Gregory. Miss Mary Murdock has entered the C. W. R. Academy. Louis Davis is spending the holidays in Mississippi. Miss Kate Borum of Forrest City is spending the holidays in Cotton Plant. Miss Emma Shields is visiting the "City of Roses." Ned Hibbler is able to be out again. The pavements on Cypress street are being pushed rapidly by C. H. Harrison. Wm. Corley is visiting Little Rock. Miss Georgie Reed of Helena is spending the holidays in the city, the guest of Mrs. F. D. Wilson. Little Jimmie Washington is quite an attraction. He is only seven years old. He comes reading, writing, singing, preaching and lecturing. Be ready when The Freeman man comes around because they go awful fast.

Hurrah! Hurrah! The Tidings Swell.

Cartersville, Ga., Special.

The Golden Crown Minstrel played at the city opera house lately. It was one of the most laughable shows of the season.

Dear readers, when you see this sheet,
And read its columns through,
Remember that there is a work,
For each of us to do.

Our editor, how great a man!
We all should give him praise;
Now let us take him by the hand,
And this great paper raise.

The Freeman now we hoist it high,
And with a yell and cry—
Hurrah! hurrah! the tidings roll,
Through America far and nigh.

Wedding Bells.

Bryan, Tex., Special.

Clarence C. Calhoun, of this city, was married to Miss Daisy Thornton of Houston, in Dec. 11, 1894, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. J. P. Howard officiating. The bride is a highly esteemed young lady of the Bayou City, and the groom an excellent blacksmith of Bryan. Upon their arrival here an elegant reception was rendered them. Henry L. Mins of the Railway mail service was home for a short stay. Henry is one of the only Negro crew on the Central—the crack road of the State. Despite the low price of cotton, our people are filling the coffers of the saloonists and find plenty of cash for "fire water" and so forth. Mr. Neal Jackson and wife, celebrated their silver wedding on the 21st inst. Miss Allen P. Hall has returned from a visit to Burkson Co. A car load of Negroes arrived at Houston lately from Alabama, they came from the old worn out lands of that state to better their condition in the great State of Texas.

Found Dead in Bed.

Cincinnati, O., Special.

Mrs. Julia Morland, of 26 McAlister Ave., was found dead in bed with her drunken husband, he is under arrest. Walter Stanton, a prompt young member of K. T. was married on the 24th inst. Mrs. Alice Harris, of 333 W. 6th St, is a proud mother of a bouncing baby boy mother and son doing well. Capt. George H. Jackson and Adjutant General of the 9th Ohio regiment, who is on the sick list, is not improving as reported in the Gazette. He is suffering with typhoid fever. Grand cake walk and plain dress ball took place at Weber's Hall Dec. 31st. Ollie Dempsey chairman, several prizes were given away.

Received an Appointment.

St. Joseph, Mo., Special.

B. H. Walker and wife have returned after attending the funeral of their mother. Henry Bailey is dead. He leaves a wife and child. Miss Ella Shadrick has been appointed to a position in the Recorder of Deeds office, Washington, D. C. The following are trustees of the new A. M. E. church which cost $5,538: Rev. J. S. Peck, pastor; J. A. Indicut, J. H. Simms, J. B. Evans, J. W. Washington, Daniel Edwards, A. Morton, Jas. Bell, Jas. A. Madlock. Rev. Peck, Sr., of Baltimore, Md., visited his son here, Rev. Jessie Peck, pastor of the A. M. E. church, and his daughter. Mrs. Bessie Simms, the wife of Prof. Simms, of the high school.

HON. A. M. MIDDLEBROOKS,
Pine Bluff, Ark. A distinguished man, Teacher, Politician, Presidential Elector, Legislative Candidate, Collector Internal Revenue, State Sunday School Commissioner, Lecturer and Revivalist. See sketch, page 6th.

VALE! THE COTTON PALACE

Its Beauties and the Throngs That Gathered There a

Mere Figment of Memory—The Central High School and its Teachers—Punished for Bigamy—Personals.

Waco, Tex., Special.

The Cotton Palace is no more. The good people of Waco say there never was such a time in the history of the city. It was grand and a credit to Texas. The St. Louis delegation returned home well satisfied with their trip. At the Central high school there are 379 students enrolled. The faculty consists of the following teachers and their Alma Maters: Prof. A. J. Moor, Principal German American Seminary, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. H. B. Banks, Straits University, New Orleans; Mrs. A. E. Duvall, Paul Quinn College, Waco, Tex.; Mrs. G. H. Majors, Fisk University, Nashville; Mrs. M. E. Moor, Cincinnati public school; Miss Mabel Moffit, Ypsilanti Michigan Normal school; Miss V. V. Moor Central Tennessee college, Nashville, Tenn.; H. V. Roberts, Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio; Mrs. L. W. Waites, Prairie View Normal, Prairie View, Tex.; F. P. Williams, Lincoln Normal school, Lincoln Ala. The daily attendants is about 314, 9 grades; 2 high school classes, latin, scientifics. A temporary writ was granted restraining G. L. Wily from teaching school in the county, and Prof. Ferguson and Geo. Graham from assisting him. Deputy sheriff Sam Shepherd brought in Henry Fens, one of the colored men charged with assaulting L. B. Daugherty. W. M. Clark made a flying visit to Marlin in the interest of the Ladies' Court of F. A. M. The Freeman representative can be found at 128 Bridge street; call and see him; if your friends are visiting you, if your family is sick, if you are going to give an entertainment, let him know, and he will report it in The Freeman, the greatest Negro journal on the globe. The Knights of Liberty continue to receive members. Sand Town was the scene of quite an excitement Tuesday night. The crap shooters fell out. Some "old sport" shot his gun off, and Oh, how they did sift sand! Rev. Cavinus was appointed to the Second street church. St Paul A. M. E. church had a grand Christmas tree also the First church. The Freeman can be had at Clark's restaurant. Ira Anderson pled guilty to bigamy and got two years in the "pen." The new regime of county officers have been sworn in. Mr. Burk is now sheriff. Eugene Kelly is on the sick list. Miss Mattie Edwards visited Corsicani last week. Mattie Wash-Williams is building a nice residence on First street. Mrs. Anderson has recovered. Mrs. Maggie Carr of Albion is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley. Christmas at the Second church was splendid.

SOUTH END NOTES.

Mrs. L. S. Watson of St Louis a guest of Mrs. Simmons, will spend the winter here. Mrs. J. S. Murray of Denver, Col., is visiting Mrs. H. Crain. The Freeman can be had at Smith Jackson's store. If you have any news bring it to 123 Bridge street. Mrs. Fannie Colwell is looking well.

EAST SIDE GLEANINGS.

Mount Olive Baptist church gave a concert on the 24th. Everyone had a good time. F. B. Cotton of Marlin has arrived to enter Paul Quinn college. W. I. Thomas, a student of Paul Quinn college died Dec. 12th with congestion of the bowels. Mr. Thomas was a bright student and a christian gentleman. Prof. H. E. Howard and W. F. McCall of Temple were the guests of Miss C. Dodson.

Lee Wilson was fined $25 for an assault with intent to murder. Sidney Jordan got seven years in the "pen." The contest for the east side public school is settled. Prof. Sibert read the appointment. Call at 123 Bridge street and subscribe for The Freeman.

A Grand Supper.

Newport, Ark., Special,

The Benevolent and Church Aid Society gave a grand supper at St. John Baptist church Thursday night Dec. 20th. Rev. G. D. P. Rucker, presiding elder was in our city a few days last week. Mr. Jessie Taylor is reported very ill. Rev. Jordon Williams, of Little Rock, Ark., was in our city in interest of the Knights of Honor. Mrs. Mazarine Owen, mother of Mrs. Mary Alexander is reported very ill. The colored brass band was ready for Christmas, George Green leader. Don't forget Thad Aringtons chop house when you are in our city. Rev. G. H. Warren has built his own property on East First St., and will move his hotel furniture next week. You will know of the "Warren House." Mrs. M. C. Petway spent Christmas in Murfreesborough, Tenn. Mr. Austin May has sold his home and purchased property in East Newport. Mr. Wilson Owen has also purchased property in East Newport. Miss B. G. Buford has returned from school. Miss Georgia McDonald of Campbell was in our city Thursday.

Studying Law.

Gainesville, Tex., Special.

Rev. B. S. Stradford has purchased a $500 carriage. Miss Olive Williams will teach in Denton. Mrs. Jesie Robinson has secured her divorce. L. B. Davidson is studying law. Henry Chinner died after a year of lingering, leaving a mother and child. Mr. and Mrs. Billingsby are buying a nice little home. Mrs. Q. Ennis has returned from Chicago where she spent a month of recreation. Mr. and Mrs. S. Holford have renovated their home, also Mr. and Mrs. L. Chenault. Mrs. Margaret Moore has built two nice rooms to her house.

Three Charming Drills.

Cincinnati, Ark., Special.

The closing exercises of the colored school district No. 58, was interesting. The program was as follows: Song, "Take the name of Jesus with you;" welcome address; "Suppose," Joe Ballard; "The Bee," Claud Allen; song; Calisthenics drill; "Birds," George Ballard; "Mary D.," Lida Frankhouser; "Nellie's Song," Spate Ballard; "Drops of Water," Annie Ballard; song; address by Rev. Allen; select reading, Ella Funkhouser; "Dude Drill;" "A mother's gift," Mary Funkhouser; "A Kiss," Quincy Ballard; song; drill; closing song, "God be with you." Behavior was good. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

Sent to Prison.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. Hannah Buckner died Dec. 15th. William Durham and the man that poisoned J. M. Price and Dick Wisdom and several others were sent to the penitentary recently. Mr. Geo. Perryman has opened a first class boarding house on First St. Henry Rimyan who was reported sick is well. Wm. Fillds was arrested for assault and battery and carried to jail in default of bail. A play was given at the 5th ward known as "Judgement Day" with pleasing picturesque scenry, and it was well attended. Rev. Mitchell, the pastor of St. Peters A. M. E. church made a visit home. Harry Martin who runs the big wheel at the Sewauil Mill met with a painful accident Dec. 10th, his arm became entangled in the saw which nearly severed the bone. Jessie Firse, the mail carrier had a narrow escape Dec. 15th. His horse ran away, throwing him out of the vehicle, but he received no painful injury. H. N. Yarbrough, the insurance agent, had his countenance seriously bruised by a falling barrel recently. The Pule of N. Y. showed here Dec. 11th and was well patronized. Heedley Boyd has accepted a position as editor of Tobacco Leaf Chronicle. Jno. Major an aged citizen of this city, expired recently, age 72 years. Mary Fosco was arrested for playing bad and was fined $6. Jesse Adams was fined $4 for an unlawful assault. Miss Stella D. Dabney, the well known teacher is having a success. Mrs. McDowell, of Erin, Tenn., visited friends here Dec. 16th and lost her fine shawl. Mackey, the man who stole a horse and buggy is still up to his same old tricks.

Resolutions of Sympathy.

To Bro. Chas. E. Smith:

SIR:—At the last regular communication of King Hiram Lodge No. 15, A. F. and A. M., of which you are a member, a committee was appointed to draught resolutions of sympathy in consequence of the recent fire which left you and yours great sufferers. Following is a copy:

Dear Sir and Bro:—We offer our deepest expressions of regret and sympathy for the great misfortune which you and your family have lately sustained. We would therefore direct you to that Great Light in Masonry "the Holy Bible," which guides and directs in all times and trouble, and may it again please the Great Architect of the universe to so place you in life that you will continue to praise his great works.

Signed in behalf of the Lodge by Bros. Sol. Young, Jno. G. Lee, A. A. Fayette, Niagara Falls, South Ontario, Can., Dec. 11, 1894.

Sent to Prison for Life.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Sam Owens, the murderer of Sam Ogilvie, was sentenced to prison for life. Marion Bibbs, who was accused of being an accessory in breaking into Carter's saloon last August, was acquitted. Western Kentucky Lodge, No. 2831, Paducah Lodge No. 1545, and Young Men's Pride Lodge No. 1783, G. U. O. of O. F., have elected officers for the ensuing year. Mariah Jones, an old and respected lady, died on the 13th, inst. She leaves several relatives. The marriage of Dr. C. I. Isbell, of this city, to Miss Addie J. Gladman, took place the 26th at the Court Street Baptist church, Richmond, Va., the home of the bride. All delinquent patrons of The Freeman must pay up before the 1st of January, if they expect to continue taking The Freeman. Call on Minor Bradshaw and get The Freeman every Saturday at 419 Jackson street.

K. of P. Elect Officers.

Lockland, O., Special.

Samuel McMillan is dead. Miss Laura Swopes has returned to her home in Connersville, Ind. Rev. Collins has organized a boy's brigade. Miss S. T. Mitchell spent a recent Saturday in Cincinnati. Election of officers at Guiding Star Lodge No. 22, K. of P., took place the 10th, inst. The Mt. Zion Baptist church held a baby show recently. Miss Neomia Bates spent Christmas in Batavia, O., the guest of Miss Eliza Green.

Protracted Meeting a Success.

Evansville, Ind., Special.

The Revival at the Fifth Street A. M. E. church has been a success so far. Rev. Murray of Vincennes, and Rev. Saunders, of Mt. Vernon, lent assistance. O. Caldwell was knocked in the head recently, while unloading a wagon. It is not known who did the deed. He was found unconscious and taken to his home on Orr avenue. Henry Rowans has been appointed janitor of the court house, Patt Williams fireman at the jail by the Republican party. The "Bosses" of the party appointed those whom they wanted regardless of the desires of the Bruce club. Every church in the city entertained their members and friends in concert and feast during the Christmas tide. The Equitate club held their first grand social the 27th, inst. Rev. W. H. Anderson is erecting a beautiful home on Olive street. Charles Body is also erecting a very charming cottage on Bell street.

Baxter's Wealthy Farmers.

Baxter, Ark., Special.

Baxter is a very fine little town situated on the railroad four miles from Dermott. There are a good many colored people here, and most of them are in good circumstances. I will give you the names of a few of the land owners: A. Holt, 300 acres, Jeff. Gallaway, 180 acres; S. Galaway, 100 acres; Green Freeman, 125 acres; Wesley Green, 125 acres; H. Lewis, 80 acres; A. Bosley, 20 acres; Ned. Moss, two town lots; O. Williams, 80 acres; Mrs. Emily Jordan, 170 acres; William Matticks, 160 acres; Mrs. F. Canady, two town lots. All of these people have all the comforts of life that surround a country home. Another good feature of Baxter is that it is also a strong Republican town. The town of Baxter gave the Republican candidate for governor 194 votes out of 210. All of the township officers are colored. Esq. Lewis, one of the Justices of the Peace, is an able man. He has been Justice for twenty years, and was elected at the last election for two years more. Baxter has one of the best country schools in this part of the state. Prof. Gray, the principal, is a perfect gentleman as well as a smart scholar. Baxter has also has many good churches. The members of the A. M. E. church are well pleased with their new pastor, Rev. G. W. Lacey. The people are now preparing to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation the 1st of January, and all of the professors of the surrounding country are invited to take part. The people of Baxter are great lovers of The Freemen, and all give it the name of being the greatest race paper in the United States.

Will retire.

Victoria, B. C., Special.

Frederick D. Alexander and Miss Louisa Barnswell were married Dec. 17th. Mr. Nathan Pointer acting on the advice of his physician, will retire from business January 1st.

A LA GAVOTTE.

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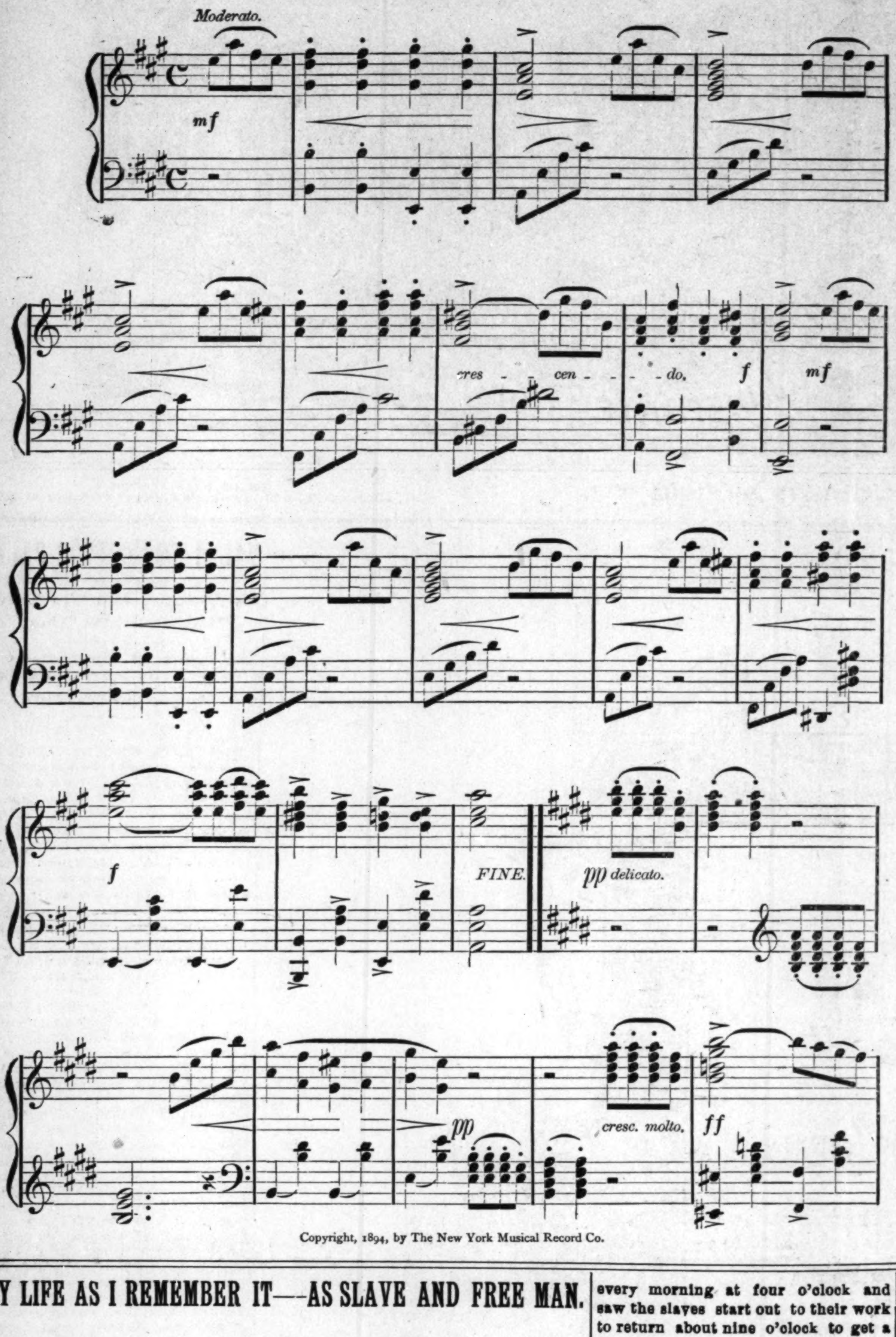

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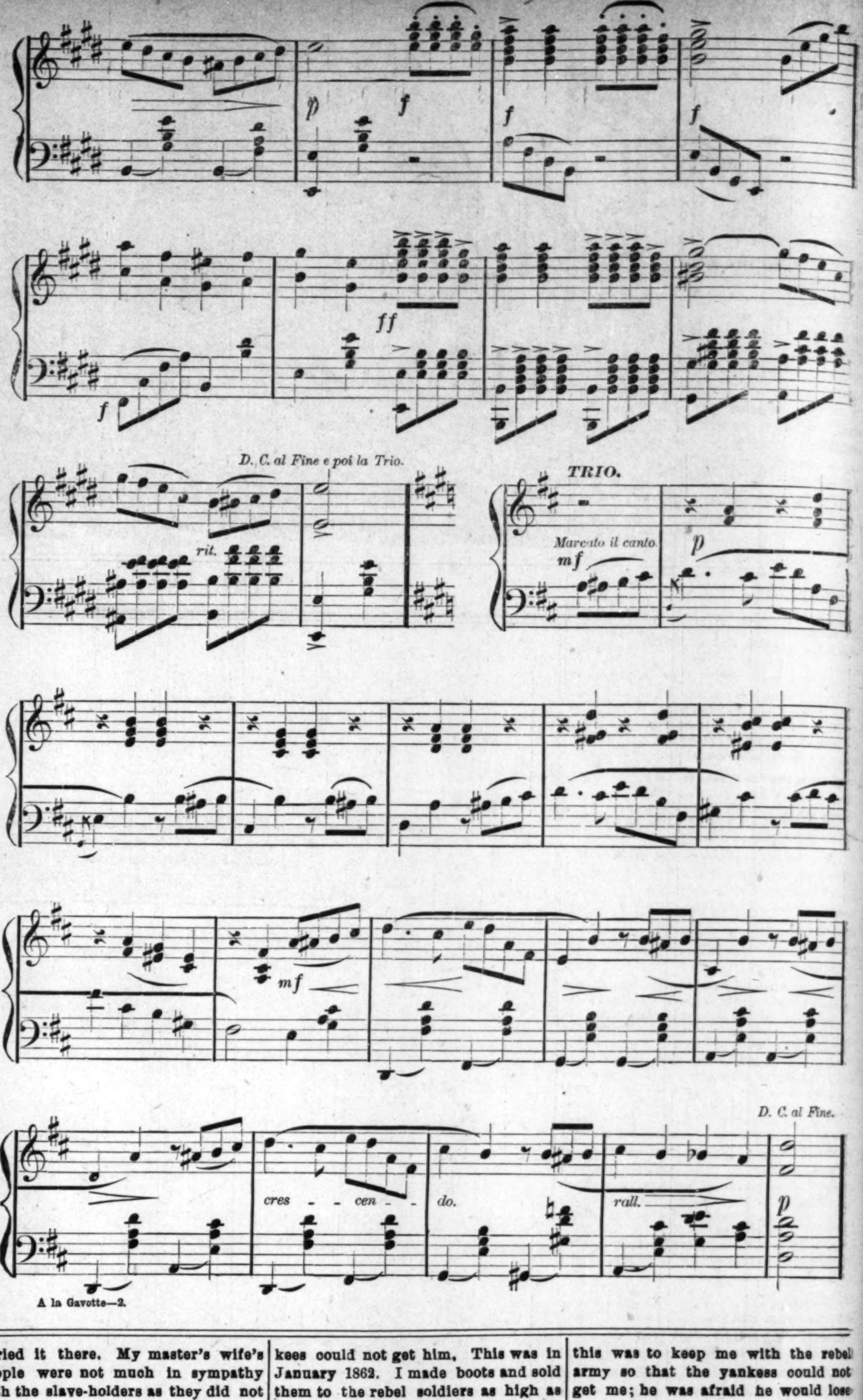


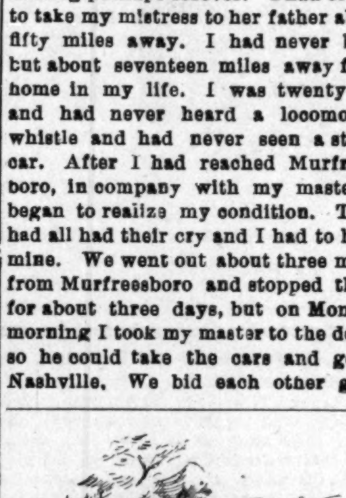
A la Gavotte—2.

MY LIFE AS I REMEMBER IT—AS SLAVE AND FREE MAN.

COMPILED, ARRANGED AND WRITTEN BY MYSELF, GEORGE L. KNOX.

I stopped my shoe-making for a while and began engineering in a saw-mill. I worked there until about the time the war broke out. The mill was right across the creek from the town and I could see the crowds as they congregated to discuss the coming struggle. In April they resorted to their fifes and drums in calling for volunteers. They were anxious that the poor whites should go to war. They would say to them that the "Yanks" and "Abe" Lincoln wanted the "niggers" to marry their daughters and rob them of their wives. In this way, they soon raised a company. The whole business became confused one day, so they took a notion that they would send to Lebanon and have Bob Hatton come out and make them a speech. He had resigned his seat in congress and returned home. He came and in his speech said he would not advise any one to go to war, but he said that as for himself he was going. They concluded that they would go too. The rich men who had money bought brown jeans and made suits for the military company and put red strips up the pants and round the coats. Just before they got ready to go, some one said that red would draw fire from the cannon so they tore it all off.

At this time I had quit the saw-mill business and gone to work in the tan yard. One morning as I and a man by the name of Wash Smith were walking up the street a boy hissed a bull dog on him, the brute biting him. As he turned back I picked up a bowlder and knocked the dog down. That caused another commotion. I went to my work, but Smith stayed to explain. The lady of the house went to bed from nervous prostration because I had struck the dog. They had us arrested. My master said he would spend $500 before I should be struck a lick. He had on his uniform getting ready to go to the army. That made him much more dear to me to think he would stand by me when so many men were deserting their slaves. This was about the latter part of April. The time had now arrived for the volunteers to leave their homes, and the girls promised that if they would go and fight and save their slaves that they would marry them when they returned home. The wealthy men promised to care for the families of the poor. Just before the soldiers got ready to leave, Capt. Carden made a speech to his company and told them that one southern man could run five northern men by just leveling his gun at them; that the yanks were cowards. Some one added, it would be a breakfast spell. An older man replied that if they got through by dinner they would be doing well. Sunday morning we had orders to go. It was a sad sight. Mothers, fathers and sweethearts separating perhaps forever. I had orders to take my mistress to her father about fifty miles away. I had never been but about seventeen miles away from home in my life. I was twenty-one and had never heard a locomotive whistle and had never seen a steam car. After I had reached Murfreesboro, in company with my master, I began to realize my condition. They had all had their cry and I had to have mine. We went out about three miles from Murfreesboro and stopped there for about three days, but on Monday morning I took my master to the depot so he could take the cars and go to Nashville. We bid each other good

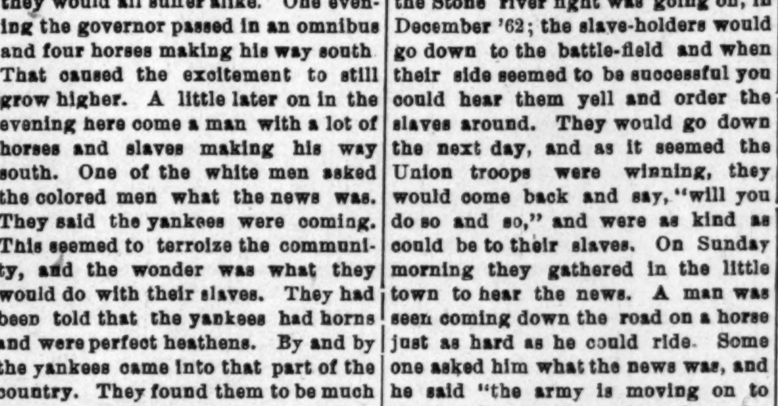


WE BID EACH OTHER GOOD-BYE, AND WE BOTH SHED TEARS.

bye and we both shed tears. I felt that my only friend was gone; I began to think he would be killed and that I would be sold and carried away to the south. On my return home I accompanied my mistress to her father to stay until my master returned from the war. This was in Reliford county where the slave-holders were very wealthy, some of them owning as high as 600 slaves. I heard the horn blow every morning at four o'clock and saw the slaves start out to their work to return about nine o'clock to get a piece of corn bread and bacon.

They called this part of Tennessee young Mississippi. It was here that I saw the first bull-whip. It was made of rawhide and had something like a forked end with a knot tied in it. They used it to whip the slaves, the forked end to split the hide. As we traveled on and before concluding our trip we passed slave-holders living in splendor. When we got fifty miles away from home I felt that the north never could whip the south. We stayed here for one year, as all the soldiers of the south were called for one year. Time passed on; the first Bull Run fight took place, the confederates winning a great victory. It was freely said that General Scott was too old to manage the Union Army, then another cloud came over my pathway. Nov. came and Thanksgiving services were held. Rev. Dr. Moore preached. He spoke of their divine cause and charged the yankees with not believing in any religion. He charged them with being polygamists and that they had burned the Bible and danced over its ashes. He preached a wonderful sermon about the victory they would gain. They had another fight soon after Thanksgiving at Fisher's Creek, Ky., the Union troops whipping, and some of the boy's who went out so brave got so badly scared that they ran away and never stopped until they got home. My mistress was taken sick and I was called to fetch the doctor—the same doctor that preached the sermon. I had to show my sympathy for the south in order that they would not mistrust me. I wanted to tell the old doctor about the rebels being whipped so bad, but was at a loss how to broach the subject. I finally made a virtue of necessity, and blurted out that another fight had taken place, adding the yankees had whipped. I knew that that would be bad news to him after preaching that Thanksgiving sermon, and the look that settled upon his face was a study. Time passed on; the fight commenced at Ft. Donaldson. News came that the rebels were gaining the day. The fight went on, and about a week we heard that the Union army had whipped the rebels and were driving them back. The women began to be frightened; they had been told that the union people had no respect for sex and that all kinds of depredations would be committed. They began to talk about what they would do with their sugar and meat. Some of them took it to the grave yard and buried it there. My master's wife's people were not much in sympathy with the slave-holders as they did not have slaves. I listened to hear what they would say, and they thought that they would all suffer alike. One evening the governor passed in an omnibus and four horses making his way south. That caused the excitement to still grow higher. A little later on in the evening here come a man with a lot of horses and slaves making his way south. One of the white men asked the colored men what the news was. They said the yankees were coming. This seemed to terroize the community, and the wonder was what they would do with their slaves. They had been told that the yankees had horns and were perfect heathens. By and by the yankees came into that part of the country. They found them to be much nicer than their own soldiers, and they treated everybody more courteously.

My master now had served his time out for one year; he came home; they saw that they had made a mistake in taking one year soldiers. The Confederate Congress passed a law, saying



A MAN WAS SEEN COMING DOWN THE ROAD ON A HORSE JUST AS HARD AS HE COULD RIDE.

that all men who had served a year and were thirty-six years old could go home. Buel and Bragg had made their great race across Tennessee and we went back to our home again. A law having been passed that all school teachers could stay at home, my master began teaching school, while I went back to the shoe-making bench. One evening I overheard my master say that he had been offered $1500 in gold for me and now he could not get $500 in confederate money. He also said if the yankees came back any more he would take George and put him in front of the rebel army where the yankees could not get him. This was in January 1862. I made boots and sold them to the rebel soldiers as high as $16 a pair. I was working at my trade right along then. During the time the Stone river fight was going on, in December '62; the slave-holders would go down to the battle-field and when their side seemed to be successful you could hear them yell and order the slaves around. They would go down the next day, and as it seemed the Union troops were winning, they would come back and say, "will you do so and so," and were as kind as could be to their slaves. On Sunday morning they gathered in the little town to hear the news. A man was seen coming down the road on a horse just as hard as he could ride. Some one asked him what the news was, and he said "the army is moving on to Murfreesboro and we have been defeated." This news just suiting me, I would go from house to house to deliver it, adding, "how bad it was that the yankees had whipped us again." I put on as long a face as possible, but I was secretly rejoicing at the success of the Union army.

What was called the Conscript Act was now put in force, and took everybody—school teachers, preachers and everybody that had been exempted before. It took in my master. He went to the rebel army again, this being in 1863. In March he came back and this time took me with him. So many of the southern boys had rich parents that they sent their slaves to wait on them. This so burdened the army that a law was passed, prohibiting any from having servants but officers. My master then put me with Capt. Phillips as his servant as he could not have one; this was to keep me with the rebel army so that the yankess could not get me; he was afraid he would lose me. After I had been in the rebel army about one month and went through all the hardships that came up, I asked my master one day if I might not go home. I knew the time to ask him was when he was the most confident of success. When he thought that the confederate army would be successful, then he was willing that I might go home. One day his company went foraging, so while they were cooking dinner and fixing to have a good time, the Union army at an unexpected moment rushed in and captured a lot of their horses and men, shooting some of the men. I had not yet forgotten my master's orders and one of the boys had to take a horse back that he borrowed. I told him that my master said that I might go back home the first opportunity I had when there was any one going back. He said all right. I saddled up my little filly and we started back home about eight o'clock in the morning, while they were still out fighting. It rained very hard and we traveled all day over the hills and across the mountains and we finally reached home. Everybody had gone from the country except the women and children, and I felt almost, that the day of jubilee had come. I went to work on a farm. One day we were plowing and we seen a lot of Union soldiers coming and a great band of slaves following them. That night I concluded that I would go with the yankees myself. When I got to town I found many of my acquaintances ready to go too. We had all met at Daniel Boyds to lay out plans to leave. About this time a young lady for whom I had the greatest regard, came in and asked me what I was going to do. I replied nothing, but she said, "you are fixing to go away aren't you?" I said, "yes I am going with the yank es to-night." She asked me not to go and began to cry.

The Place Where Farmers Make Money.

There is one part of the country in which farmers have made money during the past year, and that is northern Wisconsin. There has been a demand for every product they can raise as well as for the timber and cordwood which they cut, at good cash prices. Any man who is industrious can get and pay for a farm in northern Wisconsin in a few years and can get employment at good wages while he is doing it. If you like to know something about the country drop a postal to Fredrick Abbot, Land Commissioner Wisconsin Central Railroad at Milwankee, Wisconsin.

A WHITE MAN'S GOOD IDEA

Viz: That the Better Class of Whites in America

Must Be Made to Know and Feel Beyond All Cavil That the Negro Has Been Slandered by the South.

DEAR EDITOR FREEMAN:

Will you please give space in your paper for a few words as to my plans for future work in the states with my illustrated lecture on "Race Progress." I am quite sure when I see what an interest my views create among the thinking people who attend my lectures over here, that I have not been reaching the right people in America to accomplish the most good for the race. I thought when I started this exhibition, that my line of work would be to educate the colored people up to a knowledge of what they had really done in the way of development along the educational and social, as well as financial walks of life. I am confident that the thoughtful and leading members of the race that have attended my lectures and seen my views on race progress, will admit that such an exhibition would most certainly inspire almost any young person to a greater effort in life, in order that they might make the most of the power that we all possess to a greater or lesser degree. I don't care to make this article personal, but I could name several young men and women that are now in school, that had about given up all hope, until they saw through my views what others had accomplished by a little effort.

I am of course pleased and will add proud where I am able to inspire such an effort on the part of the young colored men or women; but where I took the whole race question fully in the face I am convinced that I must get at a different class of people in order to right the wrongs that the race have to contend with, and that means that we must get at the white people of America. They know entirely too little about the real ability of the Negro to make a man of himself, or his power to become a good citizen. I am quite sure the whites thought they had done about all they could when they, or rather the result of the war gave the colored people their freedom, many took their hands off then and have had them off ever since. I am well aware that the different churches of the North have done much in the way of building schools for the education of the colored youth, but to open the door of the school house and close the doors of commerce and society is hardly the way to bring out the best that is found in any race of people. But such is the condition of the affairs in America between the white and colored people, and until the whites can be made to feel what their duty really is toward the race, I have no hope as to a change for the better.

Now if my views on "race progress" mean anything at all they most certainly go to prove what the colored people have done in the way of development along all lines, and to the thinking person their progress has been most wonderful, so much so that on this side of the Atlantic, people have said, "Why Mr. Richings you have shown us a new race of people for we have no idea that there were any such colored people in existence." I feel that the thing to do is to get this matter before the white people of America in order that they may study the bright side of the question and become acquainted with the better element of the race. That I will have the co operation of race leaders there is no doubt. I am sure that at least many of the white people feel that but little can be made of the Negro, and for fear what the Negro might show to the country, they have with great care closed many doors against him—doors that some day will have to be opened in spite of American prejudices, and with God's help I want to be used as an instrument to assist in opening some of those closed doors. I am of the opinion that much harm has been done by the southern whites in their effort to hide the real progress made by the southern colored people, this is done by them when they have the better class of people from the north down there to see the "New South." Why there is not another class of people living that can be so extremely entertaining as the Southern whites to their Northern brothers and especially when they want to keep them away from a Negro College, they actually make themselves so agreeable that one forgets for the time that there is a Negro in the South, until the white man gets ready to point out his kind of a Negro, this, however, is not done until he has shown you all the good things regarding the great stride the white people have made "since the war." Then he will call your attention to some drunken worthless Negro and tell you that he represents the whole race" and you people of the North are throwing away your money in your foolish effort to educate "niggers" for God never intended them to do anything but wait on white folks," I was the guest of dear Bishop Turner and his most charming wife last spring while lecturing in Atlanta, and while there something occured that will stond relating.

I was waiting for a street car and I asked a man near me which car would best take me to Atlanta University. After telling me he looked at me for a moment and said, "From the north?" "Yes," said I, "Boston." "Well, I suppose you know that the place you are going to is a 'nigger' school?" "No, said I, I thought it was a colored college." "It is," said he, "but we call them 'niggers' down here, and what's moro we see no good in schools for them, from the fact that you can't make anything of a 'nigger;' you can't educate them, and they will all steal, and you can't produce one that has made anything of himself or done anything worthy of note." "My good man said I, I have not the time to discuss this matter with you, but here is a small hand-bill that I will give you to read when I am gone, and I am sure you will see by that, that at least a few colored people have done something. But before I go, I would like to ask you one or two questions. You are white, and have always been free; what have you done? have you ever founded a college? have you ever lifted up a human soul? have you ever educated anyone, including yourself? have you ever invented a patent? If not, I say that until you have done some of these things then for God's sake let the 'nigger,' as you call him, alone." I must take this car, so will bid you good day; I hope you will think this matter over." But such men do lots of harm and poison the minds of many from the north that have not looked into the race question for themselves. So as I see it, and as friends here see it, the thing for me as a white man to do is to take this work of mine among the white people and make them hear me. I shall, after showing them what many of the colored people have accomplished under very adverse conditions, appeal to them to open all of these closed doors and give the colored man the same show that all other men have in America. We want labor unions, hotels, restaurants, theatres, all rail roads, young men's christian associations, and in some parts of the country churches that are now closed, all opened. I know the fight will be hard, but some one must make a start; I shall make the effort and I feel sure that others will lend a helping hand in the good work when once on foot.

Yours for progress,

G. F. RICHINGS.

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The "Cloud City" is enjoying fine sleighing. The quarterly meeting that was to have been at the A. M. E. church on the 16th, inst., was postponed. The Presiding Elder could not be present until the 11th or 12th, prox, at which time quarterly meeting will be held. Mrs. J. H. Shepherd and Mrs. Fannie Robinson left for Leavenworth, Kan., on the 20th, to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. In our last letter we stated that J. T. Hedspath had gone to Ft. Worth, Tex., but it is San Antonia. Mr. Anderson, of Leavenworth, Kan., who was married about two months ago, to Miss Janie Robinson of that place, has come come to our city to reside, and will be at home to their friends at the corner Fifth and Pine streets. Mrs. Catherine Ferguson, one of our old residents, will not return to Leavenworth, but will go to Salt Lake City to see her son. Hezakiah Smith has been quite sick, but is able so be up again. The Mystic Five gave a ball on Christmas Eve, at Silver Dollar hall.

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  Nary step so proud ez him;
Keep on struttin' Mistah Tu'key,
  Yo' do'nt know what time it is.

Cidah press commence a squeakin'
  Eatin' apples sto'ed away,
Chillin' swa'min' roun' lack ho'nets
  Huntin' aigs among de hay,
Mistah Tu'key kep' on gobblin'
  At de geese a flyin' souf,
Umph, dat bird do' know whut's coming
  Ef he did he'd shet his mouf.

Pumpkin gittin' good an' yellah,
  Make me open up my eyes;
Seems lak it's lookin' at me
  Jes' a layin' dere sayin' "pies."
Turkey gobbler gwine roun' blowin'
  Gwine roun' gibbin' his sass an' slack,
Keep on talkin' Mistah Tu'key
  You ain't seed no almanac.

Fa'mer walkin' throo de ba'nya'd,
  Seein' how things is comin' on,
Sees if de fowls is fatt'nin'—
  Good times comin' sho's you bo'n,
Heah's dat tu'ker gobbler braggin'
  Den his face breakin' a smile—
Nebbah min,' you sassy rascal,
  He's gwine to nab you atter while.

Choppin' suet in de kitchen,
  Stonin' raisins in de hall.
Beef a cookin' fo' de mince meat,
  Spices groun'--I smell 'em all.
Look heah, tu'key, stop dat gobblin',
  You ain't learned de sense ob feah;
You ol' fool, yo naik's in danger,
  Do you know Thanksgibbin's heah?

PAUL LAWRENCE DUNBAR.

The Worth of Secret Societies.

By E. A. Williams, M. D., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Supreme Chancellor of K. of P., N. & S A., E. A. A., and Grand Master of the Masons in Louisiana.

Throughout all ages man has bound himself in bodies of some class for his mutual welfare. There were men banded together in primeval times, if only for the mutual pursuit of pleasure. The ancient tribes of the Pentateuch were another instance of man's gregariousness; they came together in bodies like the old Sanhedrin; they met and were pre-christian club-men; they fought together as crusaders; they raised spells together and played with the devil's art as Rosecrucians; they even doomed the miserable hunted wretches of the 15th century—Venice and Spain to tortuous deaths as bands of the inquisition and the council of ten. Man, as nature has intended, is afraid of loneliness; in his slightest action he wishes a companion; in guilt as in gaiety, in serious good-doing as in pleasure-seeking. And so throughout the whole world to-day we find it cut up, as it were, into an almost infinite number of sects and societies—secret societies, clubs, suffrage, temperance, social purity, pleasure, politics, religions, and a host of others. The man or woman who does not belong to at a least one body of human beings banded together for some avowed object is, to say the least, a very fossilized member of the world's children. But among the smaller fry of the banners which wave aloft among the ensigns of our bandied bodies the clear, true colors of secret societies flash out in all the solemnity and grandeur and magnificence which can be shown only by these descended almost from the Great Maker himself, and bearing besides the divine imprint, the sanction of the world, given ages ago. Where are those who claim that secret societies are pernicious—that they harbor a barrier in the home—that they interfere with certain forms of religion? Some of this may be true; there is no good but that it has its corresponding evil, and the immense, we might almost say, the overwhelming amount of good done in this completely overbalances whatever might be brought to bear upon the home and the church by these bodies.

There is a story, a hackneyed one, it is true, but one which we may be forgiven for repeating here, about a young minister who was induced to join the Masons because he saw the careful attention given a wounded man by utter strangers to whom he had communicated a lightning-like sign to the effect that he was a Mason. This is only one of the instances of the far-reaching, universal gifts which the insignia of secret societies places upon one. It puts a man en rapport with a brotherhood which knows not clime, or race, or section, or religious sect. To be a Mason is to be a member of an organization old as the proverbial hills, far more ancient than the church of Christ. It is to feel that the wisdom and far-reaching good, and the beautiful mysticism of the craft instituted by Solomon the wise has descended into this latter century to fall as a mantle upon our shoulders. It is indeed to be an "heir of all the ages." To be a Pythian is to feel that the all-absorbing brotherhood of man, the heroism and sacrifice or the two ancient Syracusians has permeated our beings with a fervor which wishes not ill to anyone, but is in friendship and love with all the world. To be an Odd Fellow is to feel that an obligation of purity and manliness and love of the good for good's sake is the ideal to which we must attain. There is a goal to be reached as beautiful as the goal of Christ's life, but to which we are bound by the most irrevocable vows to strive for.

All this is aside from the pecuniary aids, the helps that the widows and orphans receive, the universality of the good, the perfection of the material arrangements. To be perfectly cognizant of the ritualistic work of any one of the secret organizations which are now throughout the world is to have an object, a sweetness, a flavor to one's life. It is to be manly and gentle and dignified with a purpose. There are vows no less rigorous and binding and wholesome than those of the celibate priest, and vows, beautiful binding oaths, go far towards influencing the trend of a man's whole life, making it purer and nobler, and through him the race and the nation.

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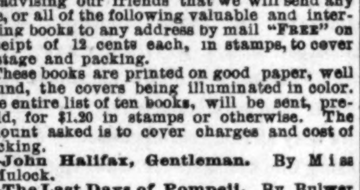

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Boil her down until she simmers;
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When you've got a thing to say,
Say it. Don't take half a day.

CAN THIS REPUBLIC ENDURE?

President Eliot, of Harvard University, in the October number of the Forum discusses this question at length. With his conclusion that it will endure we heartily agree, even if we are not convinced by his arguments. In the December issue of the American Journal of Politics Mr. Thomas Burke Grant takes issue with President Eliot, and while we differ with Mr. Grant we must admit that he has massed his reasons with great force, clearness and precision. He finds human society in this country, if we may use the term, in boiling condition, and he is somewhat alarmed. From our standpoint it is a certain indication of vigorous life and health in the body politic. He observes the wage earner disatisfied with their condition in life and making blind but energetic efforts to better it, oftentimes by means and methods which are not constitutional or lawful, at this, too, alarms him, but to us it is a most hopeful promise of better things to come. So long as the common people yearn and struggle for a better life, so long as they are seeking for knowledge and mental and moral culture, the more disatisfied they are with their present surroundings, the better for society as a whole. When even the lowest stratum is energetically pushing itself to the top we may rest assured that the American leaven has permeated the entire mass. The greater the energy manifested the greater the certainty that the leaven has done its work well. Stagnant water becomes putrid and breeds disease and death. A dull, stupid, stolid mass in the body politic, so degraded that ignorance is bliss, is dangerous and burdensome until it is quickened with a desire to raise to a higher life.

In the effort to do so excesses may be committed, the laws may be violated, license may be mistaken for true liberty, but these excesses are all true signs of life and returning manhood. When our schools, colleges and universities are forsaken, when we cease as a people to thirst for knowledge and culture, when we are content to be hewers of wood and drawers of water, when the press is silent and neglected, when we cease to build churches, libraries, asylums for the orphans, the deaf, dumb, blind, infirm, aged and insane, we may well be anxious for the republic, but while all our people are intent upon climbing higher we have no cause for alarm.

The tests of our capacity for self government, which we have successfully met with manifestations of subline power, are numerous. In the midst of one of the most terrible civil wars upon record we held a Presidential election. The verdict of our enemies was: 'Lincoln re-elected. Unusually quiet upon Election Day." No republic in all the past ever gave such evidence of self-control. It was a moral victory, the grandeur of which has never been equaled by any free people. We disband one milllion armed men within sixty days. Our enemies said again the republic cannot survive it. Within ninety days they all gladly engaged again in peaceful industry. Our Chief Magistrate was murdered by an insane crank. Our enemies were sure that the end of the republic was at hand. Within twelve hours President Johnson was inaugurated, as provided for by the Constitution, without a ripple upon the national sea.

A little later a dispute arose after a severely contested general election as to the integrity of the returns. Our enemies were certain then that we could not solve the problem without shedding of blood, if not the disruption of the republic. But it was done without even creating a flurry in Wall street.

We have paid $8,000,000 in gold at the cost of the war in interest and pensions to our soldiers and those dependent upon them. When the war debt is paid and pensions to those who offered their lives a willing sacrifice to preserve the republic cease to be a charge on the public revenue we shall have paid $10,000,000 to preserve the life of a nation. We have received, digested, educated and Americanized 12,000,000 ignorant, foreign-born citizens with in the past five years. We have Americanized Canada, and we are Americanizing Great Britain, Australia and British Africa.

American leaven is creating unrest, disatisfaction and teruptions in the enslaved and toiling masses in all parts of the world. America is teaching and striving for the uplifting of humanity through peaceful industry. The American leven is a recreative power, and it will operate as a disturbing force until the whole earth is leavened and men go to war no more. Monarchy and the divine right of kings is an expended and decaying force, with no recreative power, and it will pass away. The problems before us are simply in comparison to those we have most successfully solved. Therefore we have unbounded faith that "this republic will endure."

The thanks of the public are due to Mr. Grant for his masterly statement of the dangers which lie in our pathway. To be forewarmed is to be forearmed. Let the discussion which President Eliot and Mr. Grant have originated go on. Only good can grow out of it. The more the subject is discussed the more the strength, power and cohesiveness of the American idea will be made manifest.—New York Morning Aduertiser.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

OFF with the old, on with the new!

THE Christmas numbers of The Appeal and "Planet" were fine affairs. Many returns of the day gentlemen.

THE Boston Review for Christmas, Chas. Alexander poet and literatuer editor, was a very fine edition. We extend our brother fraternal greetings and many returns, etc.

THE WASHINGTON GLOBE has materialized. Recorder C. H. J. Taylor is in the rea of it. We would like to know, "not for publication, as a guarantee of good faith," what sort of relations the Globe and the Bee are to sustain. —The Age.

WE should judge, reading the last issues, the legend of the Kilkeny Cats about illustrates the quality of their fraternal intercours.

ELEGANT extract.

The Afro-American editors of Texas are a corksnorting lot of Jim Dandies.

For a creation gentlemen, "corksnorting" is good.

"SWEAR" not by the moon," but if you must "swear off" we trust you will be earnest and sincere in the renunciation of one or more evils and expensive habits that have gone to the diminishing of your exchecquer within the last year. Now THE FREEMAN is not an expensive indulgence, and we trust you will insist on having our company another year. ONE DOLLAR will either "renew" or put your name among the new subscribers, for one year.

E. A. WILLIAMS, M. D.,
New Orleans, La. Editor "Journal of the Lodge." (See article, "The Worth of Secret Societies," page three.)

A BIT FROM JOAQUIN MILLER.

FROM THE SONG OF THE BALBOA SEA IN OVERLAND.

I know not if she loved or no,
I only asked to serve and love;
To love and serve, and ever so
My love grew as grows light above—
Grew from gray dawn to golden day,
And swept the wild world in its way.
The stars came down, so close they came,
I called them, named them with her name,
The kindly moon came—came once so near,
That in the hollow of her arm
I leaned my lifted spear.

THE killing of Negroes goes bravely on in the South despite the linguistic pyrotecnics of Watterson, or the jealous Northern "niggers" who decry the inestimable worth of Miss Well's effort to awaken the National Conscience. It would be a blessed thing if the race owned a dozen Miss Wells

Would Not be Without It.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Find enclosed $1.00 for The Freeman for one year. It is an old friend. I like it and would not be without it.

JOHN LOGAN.

Wilkes Barre, Pa., Dec. 19, 1894.

HAVE you "renewed?" Remember, the good things of life are here to-day gone to-morrow. The opportunity to secure THE FREEMAN one year for ONE DOLLAR will be good but a few days longer.

WE take it back, Tom Fortune is a "great" editor. Now while the band plays will the monarch of Cedar street please step to the footlights and recite in that eloquent manner and speach so peculiar to himself a "round unvarnished tale" of his trip through the Lone Star State.

EDITOR COOPER of The American had hardly gotten through charging his brother, editor Smith, of the Gazette with editorial plagarism springing the "deadly parallel" as proff, when up bobs our chirping namesake of Texas charging The American with a particuarly exasper ating "cribbing" from its columns. All "great" editors, more's the pity therefore they should feel the necesity of exposing one another for the harmless recreation of stealing each other's theughts?

SPEAKING of the failures to convict the Tennessee lynchers the Memphis Scimitar says:

The press of the South has always claimed, and with truth on its side, that the prejudice which prevents an equal administration of justice between the two races is not entertained by the better class of whites. To this our critics answer that this is an admission that intelligence and character do not rule in the South. The rejoinder is conclusive so far as criminal trials are concerned, for the Tennessee rule which fills the juryboxes with the other sort of people obtains in Southern States.

There is a growing opinion, not the least diminished by the late Georgia massacre, that as for as extending just and fair treatment to the Negro the better class of the South is a "damn barren ideality, a mere figment of the imagination.

ENGLAND just now seems to be the Mecca of American "philanthropist" intent on "bettering" the condition of the Negro, their own glory and pocket not being considered. One Sherwood, "Superintendent of Sheirwood Orphan School" said to be located in Petersburg, Va., comes in for a roasting at the hands of the "Conservator" which should cause our English friends consider this roystering philanthropist before extending him further countenance, says the Conservator.

This W H Sherwood brought his band of alleged orphans to Chicago about eighteen months ago and while here the scoundrel committed a crime that would have sent him to the penitentiary if he had not left the city between two suns.

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He is a notorious adulterer and is to-day a fugitive from justice, a warrant having driven him out of Chicago for debauching a young girl. He is a disgrace to his race and is no more fit to occupy the pulpit than the vilest wretch unhung.

All of which we expect is about right.

Sent Relic Money.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—You will know by the fact that I sent you this money, (which I have kept as a relic for ten years), what value I place on The Freeman. I thought you had cut me off.

W. B. WRIGHT.

Sioux Falls, S. D.
ONE DOLLAR secures it for one year.

Paucity of space will only permit us at this time to briefly call the attention to the splendid McCoy page of our last week, Christmas issue. We speak with knowledge when we declare that the lady in her admirable

PROF. JAMES C. SMITH, A. B.
Pine Bluff, Ark. Mathematician and Musician. (See sketch, page 7.)

talk to her friends and neighbors, had no thought at the time of provoking general attention, yet we would not be surprised if Liberian Emigration had received its hardest blow from this talk of our distinguished townswoman.

Personal Mention.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.

Rev. H. B. Parks left on the 19th inst for Atlanta, Ga., to visit his mother whom he has not seen for fourteen years. He has raised over two thousand dollars during his pastorate of one year and three months. Quarterly meeting last Sunday. Mrs. Bean presented her husband a Christmas present, a fine boy. Ada Chapter No. 3, had an increase of forty members the last week. Mrs. Prof. Foster entertained the new members of the Chapter by a Christmas tea party at her home on Flora Ave. Mr. and Mrs. Dickens will reside at 1710 East Fourteenth St. Miss Stella Maxie will lead the delegation to the Inter State Literary convention at Atchison, Kansas Dec. 27th. Mr. Silas Harris is a candidate for clerk of the Legislator. Mr. Taylor, of 1002 Freight street, likes The Freeman. Step in at 709 holmes and subscribe, John T. Morland agent. The waiters of the Coat's Hotel by presential a Christmas present. He is their headwaiter. A reception tendered to Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson at No. 800 E. 10th street. A musical selection was rendered by the old familiar trio. Mrs. Geo. Tooles sang two pretty selections.

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Child,
Woman,
Poet,
Lawyer,
Preacher,
Philosopher,
School teacher,
Class leader,
Office holder,
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Methodist,
Baptist,
Catholic,
Presbyterian,
Gentleman of leisure,
Mechanic,
Laboring man,
Artisan,
Farmer,
Sailor,
Soldier,
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School girl,
Teacher,
Collegian,
Professor,
Physician,
Porter,
Boot black,
Cook,
Merchant.
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A Great Paper.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I have been taking The Freeman for more than two years, and think it is the best paper published by our race. I have learned more about the progress of the Negro race from The Freeman than from all other sources combined. It certainly is a great paper, and compares equally with some of the best white papers I have read.

T. HUGHES.

Waverly Ky.

Remember till the 19th of Jan. the dollar rate goes.

Emancipation Celebration.

Little Rocck, Ark., Special.

The great Emancipation Proclamation will be celebrated on the first of January. W. A. Redus of Morrilton, was in the city this week. I. A. Foster is at 107 Main street. Experience is a dear teacher, but a fool won't profit by any other. One of our colored citizens was asked to subscribe for a colored paper, but he could not stand a dollar a year for it, but he could stand ten dollars a year for a white daily paper. His daughter went off to school and he went to the white editor to get him to put it in his paper. The editor told him he would not put it in for $20. The colored man asked, suppose she should steal something. The white man said he would put that in for nothing. The colored man had the paper stopped, but he has not yet decided to take a colored paper. So that's the way the world goes.

That Slave Story.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Your Christmas number was very interesting. Sorry I did not order more papers, I could have sold them. So many faces of our own people was a surprise to some, and that nice slave story we children like to hear. We all went to a Christmas tree Christmas Eve. night to see Santa Claus and receive some nice presents. I wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I saw your pictures too.

CALVIN BOGER

228 Clain street.

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Enclosed please find Postal note for $1.00 for The Freeman for 1894.

MRS. D. H. HEMPHILL, Atlanta, Ga.
Jan. 1, 1894.

Please send me one copy of The Freeman for 1894. Enclosed is $1.00 for the same.

DR. P. L. BARBER, Norfolk, Va.
Jan. 9, 1894.

Find enclosed $1.00 for the payment of my subscription for your valuable paper for another year.

P. W. ADAMS,
Dec. 15, 1893. Nashville, Tenn.

Find enclosed $1.00 for The Freeman another year, which I prise as the leading colored journal of the country.

SHERMAN KEY,
Jan. 13, 1894. Fort Wayne, Ind.

Enclosed please find postal order for $1.00 to renew my subscription to your grand journal for one year.

S. W. GREEN,
Jan. 1, 1894. Lake Providence, La.

Enclosed find $1.00, for which please renew my subscription to The Freeman from February, 1894, to February, 1895.

E. W. CLARK,
Jan. 10, 1894. Georgetown, Tex.

Enclosed please find P. O. money order for $1.00, for which please send me The Freeman another year.

H. P. GUILKEY,
Jan. 13, 1894. Macon, Miss.

Find enclosed the amount of $1.00 for the renewal of my subscription to the greatest of colored journals for the year 1894.

R. E. LEE, U. S. Hotel, Boston.
Jan. 11, 1894.

Having read The Freeman for three years, I desire to have it and will encourage many of our race to subscribe for it and read it.

J. C. SIMMONS, Leflore, Miss.
Jan. 6, 1894.

Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman for one year. Dr. D. E. Caldwell, of this place, speaks very highly of it indeed.

J. R. JOHNSON, Osceola, Ark.
Jan. 11, 1894.

Please find enclosed $1.00, which place to my credit on my account of The Freeman. Continue The Freeman, please; I do not care to be without it.

J. C. DANIELS,
Dec. 22, 1893. Florence, Ga.

I am anxious for your paper because it is THE paper of our race, and grandly does it play its part of vindicating the rights of the Negro.

JAS. T. BRYN,
Editor Free Will Baptist Standard,
Jan. 10, 1894. Kingston, N. C.

I will enclose you $2.00 for The Freeman one year and the School History of Negro race. I have been a reader of The Freeman one year. I feel that I could not be without it.

LOUISA LITTLE, Redding, Cal.
Jan. 10, 1894.

I am a reader of The Freeman, and can say that I don't think I ever read anything in my life that I enjoyed better, and I don't think any man or woman of color have their homes complete without it.

DANIEL BURTON,
Jan. 11, 1894. Peoria, Ill.

Enclosed find $1.00 for renewal of my subscription to The Freeman for the year 1894. I cannot lose The Freeman as long as I can work to earn money to take it. I think it a grand paper for our race.

ELIZABETH DORSEY,
Dec. 30, 1893. West Chester, Penn.

In tracing the columns of your paper I find it the greatest paper that ever left the Negro press. It is needed in our county. I will work for The Freeman. Enclosed find $1.00; send The Freeman.

G. W. DANIELS,
Jan. 7, 1894. Lee, S. C.

Find enclosed $1.00 for another year for The Freeman. It is an educator to those interested in the race, so please see that it is continued. Without it I would be unhappy and lonely on Sundays.

WALTER S. JACKSON,
Aug. 3, 1893. Torresdale, Pa.

Enclosed find $1.00, for which please send to the address of Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, 3 Townsend place, The Freeman for one year. May you and your paper be vastly successful in 1894 is the wish of

PETER LAWRENCE,
Jan. 3, 1894. Boston, Mass.

Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman, your valuable paper, for one year. I take advantage of low rates, and I have a number of race papers to pay for, but of them all there is not one that I appreciate like The Freeman.

JOSEPH H. GARRETT, Arbutus, Md.
Dec. 17, 1893.

I am praying for the continued success of your grand paper, and hope that my health will improve so I shall be able to do more in the future than in the past in getting it in every Negro home in the Republic.

CHAS. V. MONK, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 27, 1893.

My people seem particularly anxious to read the leading Negro paper of the world, The Freeman. Please be so kind as to place the name of my school on your list and send your paper until May.

REV. M. L. LATTA,
President Latta's University, Oberlin, N. C.
Jan. 3, 1894.

For four or five years I have been a regular reader and subscriber of The Freeman, and it is with pleasure I recommend it to be a true race journal in every sense of the word. Enclosed you will find a postal note for $1.00, for which I wish to renew my subscription for another year.

G. W. MCNEILL,
Jan. 9, 1894. Topeka, Kan.

Enclosed find $1.00 for my subscription to continue for the ensuing year. The Freeman is a solid friend that I would not be without. I can not find words in my vocabulary to express the joy of its appearance. I sincerely hope that the day will soon come when it will sweep over this land as the waters over the deep.

A. R. EASON, Houston, Tex.
Nov. 21, 1893.

I cannot be without your valuable paper. I enclose the sum of 50 cents for the paper for three months. I can only say that your paper is the best race paper I have ever read. It brings news from different countries, and from our fatherland in Liberia, Africa. I like it for that cause. I can say that it is needed in every Negro's house; every colored man and woman should read it.

PROF. A. T. DIXON,
Jan. 6, 1894. Carlisle, Ark.

TO-DAY and for 21 DAYS more, ONE DOLLAR will get you THE FREEMAN for one year. After that date it will cost you 50 cts. more.

A PHILOSOPHER.

Gent with cane—"But listen, carriage hire alone cost us $10."
Second Gent—"Ten dollars is not worth mentioning. It's worth ten times that amount to find out what fools we made of ourselves and how little these butterflies of society think of you when your money is gone."

The Christmas Reunion Down at Martinsville.

BY AUGUSTUS M. HODGES, BROOKLYN, N. Y.

'Twas a bright Christmas morning in M— "Old Kentuck,"
Aunt Sallie was busy disrobing a duck;
A featherless turkey close by her side lay,
Prepared for the dinner that bright Christmas day.
'Twas a family reunion, and Uncle Joe Moore
And his good wife, Aunt Sallie, both ten and three score,
Had gathered around them, their "girls" and their "boys,"
With their children's children—the grand parents toys.
The 'girls' (all past thirty) were helping to make
The "sweet tater puddin's," the pies and the cake.
The "boys" and the grand boys, the fires were making,
The oldest grand daughter the biscuits were baking;
The little grand children, a dozen or more,
Were having a good time just outside the door;
While Uncle Joe Monroe, the venerable sire,
Sat smoking his pipe, with his feet by the fire.
When the clock tolled the mid day, the feast was complete,
And after each member had taken his seat,
The venerable sire stood up by his chair,
And with arms up-lifted he offered this prayer:
"We thank Thee, our Father in heaven," he said,
"For the abundance of good things before us now spread;
We thank Thee, dear Lord, that me and my wife
Have been spared, by thy goodness, to reach an old life;
We thank Thee, of all things, the most and the best,
To meet all our children, from North, South and West.
Continue Thy blessings, Thy goodness and love,
And prepare us to meet Thee, in heaven above."
The grace being over, the feast was begun,
The duck and the turkey, were carved one, by one;
The big chicken pot-pie received the same fate,
A super-abundance was piled on each plate.
After the meats came the puddings and pies,
Then how the grand children all opened their eyes
When one of their uncles from up Illinois,
Brought out from the closet a basket of toys.
As dinner was over, the venerable sire,
Got up from his seat and stood by the fire.
He called to his side each lamb of his fold,
And blessed and caressed them, as Jacob of old.
"What changes we've seen Sal," remarked Uncle Joe,
"These years we've been married, some forty or so;
'Twas, let me see, forty? Yes, forty-one years
Since the Christmas we first met at Uncle Bill Stears.
I remember, ole 'omas, you looked mighty gran',
And I was then, children a good lookin' man.
I walked with your mother from Clayton that night,
And 'fore we got home, why, I got in a fight;
Tom Scott, a patroller, insulted your mother,
And I knocked him down, and Ed., his big brother.
I then asked your mother if she'd be my wife,
Her answer was, "Yes Joe, since you risked your life
For me up the road, and licked ole Tom Scott—
Why, I'll be your wife, why Joseph why not?"
But the next day, my children, my master sold me
To an ole "nigger trader" from East Tennessee.
There I worked on a farm without seeing your mother
For eighty long days, 'till me and another
Plantation hand run away, and met with good luck,
For we soon found ourself on the shores of Kentuck
Before my ole white folks knowed I run er way.
We two was married that same Christmas day.
We was married at Scottville, by ole Pete Brown,
He was a white preacher, who lived in the town,
And would marry we slave folks, no matter or not,
If our masters was willing, if we only got
A two dollar bill, or a big barrel of corn:
And the very next Christmas our Lucy was born.
The next of the past that I now can remember,
Was when we moved here, Sal, the following September;
And then came the war, Sal, and old master died,
While Missus and you, Sal, stood by his side.
Then I left you and the children, and went out to fight
For the Union and freedom, one warm summer's night.
Then good Abraham Lincoln he sot us all free,
And we had in Martinsville, a big jubilee;
Then you boys and you girls all worked hand to hand,
To buy me and your mother this house and this land.
Then some of you married, and some went out West,
While me and your mother, along with the rest,
Stayed on the old homestead and worked night and day,
A farming and trucking, and made the work pay.
We are glad for to meet you all back here once more,
And see all your dear babies together, before
Me and your mother, for we're both old and gray,
Receive old death's summons to call us away.
God bless you and keep you through life, is my parver,"
And the venerable sire sat down in his chair.
The rest of the evening was spent in a measure,
Receiving old friends, or by chatting in pleasure
Till long after midnight, with hearts light and gay—
'Twas a happy reunion, a bright Christmas day.

Brought Back by the Marshall

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special,

A happy New Year! The A M E. Sunday-school celebrated Christmas with a Christmas tree and a pleasing program appropriate for the the occasion. Mr. William Sims has returned from Henderson, Ky., after being away for twelve months. Mr. Jacob White and Mose Bulliner, of Neeleyville, were in the city recently, shaking hands with friends. Mr. William B. Davis, The Freeman's agent, was in Leeper and Piedmont lately, in the interest of The Freeman. Get your friends to take The Freeman, only $1 per year.

Our city boomed with the joyful tidings of Christmas. Our pastor, Elder W. B. White, left for St. Louis on Monday of last week. Rev. Charles Hunter and wife, of Neelyville, visited our city. Mrs. Callie Patterson, who left her husband a few days ago, was escorted back by the marshal of that place. Mr. D. D. Nelson made a flying trip to Neelyville last week. The stewards and stewardesses of the A. M. E. church gave a grand entertainment for the support of the pastor. Mrs. Jane Williams is in our city again, visiting her daughter, Bell Jones.

"Held up" and Robbed.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Rev. M. J. Brooks leaves for Cotton Gin, where he will preach next year. On last Sunday night a large crowd was assembled at the A. M. E. church to bid him farewell. Rev. Brooks had presided over this work two years and left everything in good shape. Rev. H. B. Writ preached his first sermon on the 23d. Mrs. Elviney Battey, of Rice, Tex., was in the city last week, a guest of her aunt, Mrs. Adline Gray. Mr. J. D. Dennis was in the city last week; Mrs. B. H O'Neal is on the sick list. Mr. Allen Neal returned to Wachahchie, Tex, this week. Four men were held up here and robbed on their way home from the pay car. Mr. Dan Adams returned from Denison a few days ago. Mr. R. Russell and W. M. Smith are buying themselves $700 residences.

Shot Into.

Providence, Ky., Special.

The shop of Wm. Walker was shot into by an unknown party. Will Finley was so unnerved he could not further perform his duties as barber. An educational convention was held by the ministers and elders of this place during the holidays. A grand basket dinner was held Christmas by the C. P. church. Committee J. T. Shackelford, Mesdames J. T. Shackelford, R. T. Cary, R. Price. We visited Rev. J. E. Cary's church at Mt. Moriah in the interest of your paper, and find many subscribers that will commence New Year. Miss Ida B. Shackelford is visiting her father and mother. She is teaching at Madisonville. Miss Lucy J. Simpson who is teaching at Dalton is visiting home and friends. Mr. Kincheloor's son has been very ill Mrs. Kincheloor is also very ill at this time. Mrs. Rice has been very sick

"A MAN ABOUT TOWN."

Christmas Festivities.

Hutchinson, Kan., Special.

Santa Claus was busy gathering up presents for his many friends. There were two Christmas trees here, one conducted by the A. M. E. church, the other by the Second Baptist church. On Christmas night there was a great exhibition given by the officers of Second Baptist church. Miss Carry Pope left the city to spend the holidays with her sister in Wichita. Mrs. J. W. Frances and Mrs Herston left for Great Bend to spend the holidays with relatives. Among the colored enterprises we will first mention Johnson and Green, dealers in fancy groceries and confectionaries; Geo. Sanders, proprietor of a three-chair barber shop; W. A. Thomas, also proprietor of a three-chair barber shop. These shops are the leading shops of the city. We have among our young folks one brass band and two mandolin clubs; also a bakery conducted by G. M. Harrison and N. O. Berry.

The Conference a Success.

Brazoria, Tex., Special.

Brazoria never witnessed such a time as the West Texas annual conference of the A. M. E. church. We were entertained by several men of note. Miss B. A. Yosk has decided not to teach school. Prof. W. H. Henry has opened school with a large attendance. Prof. P. S. Wilkinson is working in behalf of the Negro race. Prof. J. A. Bandy is having a successful school. We have with us Mr. Ran Boxley, of South Carolina. Hon. J. T. O'Bryant is doing a good work in his barber shop.

Popular Married Ladies.

Decatur, Ala., Special.

Rev. J. W. Willard is pastor of the C. M. E church of this city, and Elder Thoroughgood is presiding elder. Miss M. C. Harris has returned to her home in Athens. Mr. S. W. Wiggins is progressing finely with his school. Mr. B. W. Lemon is building a store house on Vine street. Mrs. Lula McCartney is dying and cleaning clothes in first-class style at her residence on Vine St. Wm. Alexandria keeps a nice line of groceries at the corner of Lafayette street. Mrs. C. McCartney and Mrs. Anna Houston are among Decatur's popular married ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Murphy have returned to their home in this city, after a few months' stay in Huntsville. Mrs. Murphy is now visiting friends and relatives in Athens, Fla. Misses Lula Bailey, Sallie Harris, Mary Murphy and Minnie Patterson are among Decatur's popular young ladies. Miss M. L. Hill performs excellent music on the piano.

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Appeal of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

To all Evangelical Churches of the United States of America and to the Methodist bodies of Canada and the British Isles, Greeting: Through the great mercies of God, we, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, have been brough within two years of the close of the first one hundredth anniversary of our history as a separate and distinct organization.

In 1796 James Varick and others, because of the existence of proscription and other conditions which hindered their intellectual development and religious growth, and prevented them from engaging in the work of spreading the cause of Christ and uplifting their fellows according as they felt themselves moved by the spirit of God, withdrew from the Mother Church and formed a separate and distinct organization, out of which has grown the great African Methodist Episcopal Zion church.

We congratulate ourselves on having had a man of such unselfish motives, sterling qualities and pronounced ability as an organizer and leader, to head this great religious movement; he was the first man of the race to grasp the great idea of a purely religious Negro organization. During this hundred years our church has grown from a handful to nearly 400,000 communicants, embracing every section of the United States, Canada, a part of Africa and some of the Islands of the Sea. It has taken a foremost part in all movements affecting the moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the race.

At the session of the General Conference held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1892, it was decided that we should hold our One Hundredth Anniversary in October, 1896, in the "Mother Zion," (or first established church of the connection) now situated on the corner of West Tenth and Bleecker streets, New York City, N. Y.

We take this medium through which to inform you of our intention and to earnestly ask your sympathy and co-operation to make this Centennial effort a success in advancing the Redeemer's Kingdom and in the elevation of the race.

It is our purpose to hold a ten day Centennia conference, two sessions each day, at which time papers will be read and such subjects discussed as may be agreed upon.

Every denomination or religious organization is cordially invited to participate with us. We especially invite all Methodist organizations to take part with us.

Each denomination desiring representation will please communicate with Bishop A. Walters, D. D., Chairman Centennial Committee, No, 353 Bleeker street, New York City, N. Y.

Signed:

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Holiday Movements—A Popular Salesman—Personal Mention.

Toronto, Ark., Special,

Mr. Allen Hough was in town recently; also Mr. A. Parker. Mr. Richard Hough has moved to Little Rock. Miss Puckett, of Star City, passed through here, en route to Pine Bluff and Hot Springs, Ark. Miss M. B. Donley has left for Grady, Ark., her future home. Mr. John A. P Lee was in town, looking as well as ever. The missionary society turned out on the 22d in full dress at Allen Chapel. Recent visitors: Mr. W. J Wells, Mr. Washington Morrison, of Grady, and Mr. Amos Morgan, Mr. P. R. Wells, the popular salesman, has been with Mr. W. E. Jackson for about six years and has proved to be a successful sales man. He desires his many friends to call upon him, as he will sell them goods as cheap as anywhere else in the city. Call and be convinced that his words are true' Rev. G. W. Mitchell lectured to the missionary society at Allen Chapel on the night or the 22d.

Mr. Clinton Paschal, of Linwood, Ark., has moved to our city. Mr. John Stephens, of Varner Station, visited his sister. Rev. A. A. Williams, presiding elder, passed through to Little Rock. Mr. Sam Hodo, of Swan Lake, was in Varner on legal business. Miss Della Sanders, of Phoenix, Ark., was in town. Rev. N. C. Carter, of the Linwood circuit, visited us. Rev. E. W. Moore, of Grady, Ark., was here on legal business. Mrs. R. S. Pettis went to Pine Bluff to visit friends. Mr. R. A. Johnson, deputy sheriff of Jefferson county, was in the city a few days ago on business. Mr. R. H. Jones was in town the other day. Mr. M. J. Brownlee has gone to Pine Bluff, Ark., to enter school at the branch normal college. Mr. Sam Long died Sunday, Dec. 16. Mr. J. W. Bank attended church at Shady Grove on Sunday. Rev. Wesley Shumfast, of Varner, passed through en route to Pine Bluff, with cotton. Miss Maggie Danier, went to Little Rock to visit her sister, Mrs. F. K. White. Miss Malinpa Shelton is now Mrs. Griff Shelton. Miss Eliza Williams, of Varner, visited her sister, Mrs Anna Dickerson.

A Grand Concert.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.

Rev. R. Cason has been sick with typhoid fever for two weeks. Mrs. Steven's little daughter, Gertrude, has been quite sick. Mrs. Ed. Washington's infant is quite sick. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Taylor have both been confined to their beds. Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church was postponed last Sabbath on account of the pastors illness. The A. M. E Sunday school gave a grand concert and Christmas tree on Christmas eve. Mrs. Wilson, of Butte, is in the city the guest of Mrs. T. J. Johnson. High Marine Lodge No. 12, A. F. and A. M. gave a grand masquerade ball Dec. 26th at Sandberg's Hall. Speeches were made also. Mr. L. Steel made a flying trip to California last week and reports everything there alright Mr. E. Dunley and Miss Laura Bowles were united in marriage last Thursday evening. Master Arthur Steward, of Leadville, Col., is expected home during Christmas.

A GOOD FEEDER.

Guest—"For the remains of a Christmas dinner, this is doing pretty well."

Intelligent Waiter—"You's mistaken, sah! dat am what was lef' from de hed waiter's an' he's a mity high feeder."

A Stunner.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Your Xmas number is a "Stunner." You deserve great credit for the culmination of this, your latest journalistic achievement. Success to you in the future.

JOHN P. GREEN.

Cleveland, G., Dec. 24, 1894.

A Grocery Company Organized.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Miss Martha L. Porter is again in the city, and is feeling quite well again. Charles F. Strickland was in the city two days last week, en route to visit his mother in Atlanta. Mr. Fitzgerald is again in the city, and is stopping at the old reliable "Rowan" boarding house. Miss Burris, of Knoxville, sister of Mrs. Frank Dix, is in the city to spend the holidays. Miss Nellie Caloway will spend the holidays in Atlanta. Dr. O. W. James, proprietor of the colored drug store on W. Ninth street, is visiting his mother in Jackson, Miss. Mr. E. C. Wickliffe spent a few hours in Nashville last week, on business. Frank Howard, of Atlanta, will spend the holidays in this city, and will be one of the participants in the Carson and Durroh wedding, of which we will give a full account in our next issue.

Mrs S. Brown, on Long street, is on the sick list this week. The concert at the Congregational church Monday evening was quite an interesting affair. Miss M. L. Clay, of Huntsville, Ala., is expected in our city this week, and will be the guest of Mrs. H. D. Alexander, on Lookout street. A grocery company has been organized at 507 Williams street, under the management of Messrs. J. H. Mellow and Steve Randolph, and is known as the Afro-American Grocery Company. Mesdames H. J. Mellow and M. J. Randolph are the present clerks and are doing a good business. They are carrying a capital stock of $2,500.

Subscribe for The Freeman one year through our agent, C. E Newton, 403 W. Ninth street; only $1 a year. This reduction will only last a few days. R W. Allen is expecting one of his little brothers on the 26th inst.

TOO LATE.

Caller—"Just to think, we permitted this splendid opportunity to slip us. Had we been WIDE-AWAKE enough to have taken advantage of the The Freeman's courteous offer, we might now have been introduced to the race in a manner that would have been a credit to us. As it is, who knows that we are living, outside the neighbors on our street?"

The Possum Supper a Success.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Mr. G. W. Mabry has added another chair to his barber shop. Mrs. Sarah Keiser and children, of Rendville, O., are in the city visiting relatives. Mrs. Hammond, of Marion, was a recent visitor of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Winslow. Mr. G. W. Chatman left for Lafayette to accept a position in a barber shop.

Mr. Gern Winslow left last week for Chicago. The concert and 'possum supper given by the stewardesses of the A. M. E. church was a success. The net proceeds were $35. Mr. Ed Bissell, of Dayton, O., has accepted a position at W. P. Winslow's shop. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay, of Richmond, Va., arrived in this city last week from Albuquerque, N. M. They are the guests of Charles and John Parker. Mrs. Hampton, of Marion, was in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Winslow. Mrs. John Keiser, of Ohio, is in the city visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. George Hodge have returned from Marion, where they have been visiting. Mrs J. Martin and daughter left last Monday for Indianapolis to reside there in the future.

At Fisk University.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

Misses Nannie and Julia Williams spent the holidays in Franklin. Mrs. Florence J Gardner and Miss M. A McIntyre, of Chicago, visited the University last week. Misses Cary and Bishop have left for northern Illinois and Kentucky to spend the holidays. Miss Annie McKissick, of Pulaski, Tenn., is visiting her sister, Miss Amanda, at Jubilee Hall, this week. Y. E. Redmond spent Christmas in Franklin. Rev. George W. Moore, field missionary of the American Missionary Association, is spending the holidays at home. He preached an excellent sermon in the Fisk Memorial Chapel last Sunday. Public theoreticals were held in Fisk Memorial Chapel last Monday night. Hon. W. A. Crosthwaite will read an interesting paper before the Phi Kappas at their next meeting. The students enjoyed the social which was tendered them by the faculty on Christmas night. Hon. John R. Lynch will lecture before the Intercollegiate Bureau Jan. 18.

The students have arranged an interesting program for the Emancipation celebration on Jan. 1. Miss T. A. Woodard is out again, after three week's severe illness. The new term began last Wednesday. Two days for holidays. Examinations for the old term were much regretted. The Congregational churches of the city celebrated Forefathers' day on the 21st of December, in the theological building of the university. A nice time was had by all. We were glad to see Miss Maggie Jackson, a graduate and former student. She came to see her brother Tom. Julian Ware, of Chicago, Ark., is now instructor in the gymnasium.

Churches Progressing Nicely.

Carrollton, Ky., Special.

The Second Baptist Church has on her new uniform for the New Year The Rev. W. H. Ward will be at the help. Rev. J. Hutchens, of the C. M. E., is moving along nicely with his church work. They have had the church papered and painted nicely. Mrs. Hutchens is highly esteemed by all. Miss Brown, teacher at Worthville, Ky., was a visitor Saturday at Miss Georgina Harris, and bought a Freeman.

Personal Notes.

Wartrace, Tenn., Special.

One colored school is being taught this term by Prof. E. L. Peacock as principal and Miss Maggie Stubb as assistant. As to our churches, Rev. Solomon is pastoring the A. M. E. church and Rev. Stubb the Baptist. A grand concert was given Christmas by C. H. Jones, who had cheerfully mastered the work. Miss Maggie Davidson is spending the Christmas holidays here.

The Banquet a Success.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Sides will visit Indianapolis, and Miss Mattie Frazier will visit Yellow Springs, O. Mr. Harry Hall is in Richmond this week. Rev. Broyles had quite a success with his concert at the Second Baptist Church last Tuesday night. Rev. Stewart's rally netted $165 Mr. Willie Hall died Dec. 18. Miss Eliza Roberts is visiting his sisters, Mrs. W. Freeman and Miss Lydia Woods. The Terps banquet was a success. There was present Johnnie Starr, Charlie Sweeney, Ada Preston and W. Thomas. The opening address was by President D. R Yokum. Miss Ona Furgeson is visiting her aunts, Mrs. Lizzie Gateskill and Mrs. L. Gatston.

Personal Mention.

Metropolis, Ill., Special.

Mrs. B. W. Stewart has returned from St. Louis. Mrs. Caroline Bradshaw is visiting in Chicago. Rev. C. C. Phillips, of Golconda, passed through en route to Cairo, to the ministerial and deacon's meeting. Adolphus Woods made a trip to Marion, Ky. Miss Carrie Dawson is in Paducah. Sister Lucy Wyley died on the 20th inst. She was a member of the Baptist Church for forty-one years; of the Household of Ruth, No. 536, G. U. O. O F., for six years, by which lodges she was buried. Prof. J. H. Patton is spending the holidays at home. Henry Tinsley, farmer, owns a valuable tract of land worth $5,000. He purchased forty acres more and gave it to his married daughter, Laura A. Long.

A Series of Meetings Closed.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

At the close of our series of meetings the Rev. James Simon, Baptist minister, created a great commotion by falling speechless in the pulpit. He is on foot again. Elder P. F. Hill, of Union City, lectured here recently on "The Press and the Negro" Prof. A. T. Stephens is teaching school at Fairview. He is moving along nicely. Please remember that L. J. Barnd is the agent for The Freeman at Dyersburg. Copies on hand every Saturday at Mr. Johnny Fowlkes barber shop.

Christmas Celebration.

Rome, Ga., Special.

Messrs. W. S. and S. L Samuels gave a banquet Christmas in honor of the young ladies of Rome. The L. S. club presented "Love and Murder" at the Nevin opera house. Those who appeared on the stage were Misses Nannie Baber, Mary Kirk and Ella Collier, Messrs. Spencer Findley, Mark E. Taylor, Freeman Chisolm and Joseph Bowen. Miss N. Estell Taylor was the pianist. Miss Nannie Baber has returned to her home in Atlanta. Mr. James Waro has returned to the city. The exercises at the public school recently were carried out nicely, and the visitors were highly pleased. Miss Lula Morton spent a few days in Cartersville. Mrs. B. R Allen is slowly improving. Little Mattie Ray spent Christmas in Atlanta, with her Auntie.

Teachers' Institute.

Solgohachia, Ark., Special.

The Negro Institute of Conway county was called to order by the president, Prof. R. B Skyles. Different subjects were discussed by the teachers of the county. After a session of two days, preparations for an Emancipation celebration were made, which will convene at Morrillton, Ark. There will be four or five eminent men who will advocate the cause of the Negro that day, Jan. 1, 1895. The Freeman was very highly mentioned in the institute.

The "Elites" Annual Banquet.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

We made a professional visit to Fairfield recently in behalf of The Freeman, and during our stay were the guests of Mr. John Cook, one of the most prosperous planters in the community. Mr. Cook spared no pains in trying to make our visit a pleasureable as well as a profitable one. Prof. J C. Smith, one of Arkansas' favorite sons, has been granted a State certificate by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. Old merit will win. The Royal Elite Social Club gave their annual banquet yesterday. This club always surpasses the expectations of the public on such occasions. Not long ago it gave a grand reception in honor of Lawyer J. F. Jones and wife, which, to say the least, was flattering in the highest degree.

Mrs. Julia Berry Cook died Dec. 10. Mrs. Cook was the eldest daughter of Mr. Jesse Berry, of Linwood, Ark., one of the largest cotton planters in that community. She recently graduated from the Branch Normal College, Pine Bluff, and was married to Dr. C. C. W. Cook hardly a year ago, and moved to Bonham, Tex, where they had commenced the battle of life with great promise. Her remains were embalmed and brought back to Pine Bluff, where she was buried, and her funeral attended by Rev. A. M. Middlebrooks, V. D. M. The ceremonies were very impressive.

GRANT S. NEAL.

AARON M. MIDDLEBROOKS

Arkansas' Noted Citizen—Brief Sketch of a Successful Life

From the Plow Handle to Fame, Distinction and Honor—An Example for Negro Youth.

The subject of this sketch, the distinguished Missionary of Arkansas, came from the plow handle to the front ranks of education and manhood. Hon. A. M. Middlebrooks was born in Troupe county, Ga., Feb. 19, 1855. He is the son of Mrs. Syntha Middlebrooks, Davenport. His father was a cotton factor and died in Griffin before the war. He came South from Connecticut to grow rich by cotton culture, but soon learned that there was more money in the manipulation of cotton bales than there was in the cotton pod. When the son was but three weeks of age, the father died. The mother died A. D. 1880. Of ten children, only three survive, James, Charles and Aaron M. Middlebrooks. James is a Methodist minister, located in the A. M. E. church, and Charles a master mechanic.

A. M. Middlebrooks, the hero of this narrative, whose mouth at birth did not contain a golden ladle, is a facsimilee of nature's best production. Born in the hills of Georgia, among the cedars of Lebanon, and the clefts of the mountains, he is now in his 39th year, strong, athletic, vigilant as an eagle, thoughtful as a priest.

A farm boy, with no one to cheer him while storm and tide beat him in the face, and contested with him every inch of ground, as he strode upward, with none to cheer and all to chide, none to lead and all to drive, he has gleaned a formula of action and made himself. Soon after Emancipation, when no one was willing in the South to teach the "nigger," and when the woods were filled with bush-whackers and klu-klux-klans, before the smoke of Gen. Sherman's fire had blown away, this boy found his way by torch light, at the feet of a Southern white lady to recite to her the lesson learned by day at the plow handle. Often he could be seen holding the plow with one hand and the lesson leaf in the other. After going on in this way for some time he heard of Atlanta University, and longed to enter there.

As Joseph longed to see his father, so did he years to enter Atlanta University, When he presented himself at the college door with the sum of $27 in his pocket, he was asked by the dean how he expected to matriculate, he at once held up his hands and said, "With these I can work. I understand these rebel breast-works are to be leveled down, cannot I do this work and study too?" "Why, yes," was the reply of President Ware. The boy was much more proud of his entrance into school than he was when told by the slave master, May, '65, he was free. He often speaks of President E. A. Ware as one who stands now on the jasper walls of the battlements of heaven and beckons to the young Negroes to educate! to educate! After he had in common with other comrades terraced the hills, manipulated the jack-saw, the God of heaven opened the heart of a Mrs. Lucy A. Chase, who has done more to elevate the morals and educate the heads of young Negro boys and men than any other lady known to the writer, North or South. She it was who begged money on the streets of Boston from the laboring men, to further prosecute the education of the subject of this brief sketch.

He promised the faculty of his Alma Mater that he would engage in the profession of teaching the young idea how to shoot, and he kept his word by teaching eighteen years. After this he filled the position of court sheriff of the Jefferson Circuit court for one year, during which time came on the presidential election. This year, Hon. John A. Williams, now U. S. District Judge, said, "No man will go on the ticket this year but one of brains, nerve and a true exponent of party doctrine." Upon this statement, Hon. Ferd Havis nominated Hon. A. M. Middlebrooks for Presidential elector, for said he, "This year we have a man to the head of the ticket, in the person of Benjamin Harrison, who is the synonym of brain and intellectual power." That year Arkansas elected two Congressman, Hon. John M. Clayton, Republican nominee from the second congressional district, was elected, counted out, and contested the election, or rather the certificates of Hon. C. R. Breckinridge, now Embassador to Russia. Mr. Clayton would not make the contest unless Mr. Middlebrooks would assist him in so doing. This Mr. Middlebrooks done, although a fearful undertaking. When they came to Plummerville, Howard township, Clayton was assasinated in cold blood, and Middlebrooks barely escaped with his life. After this, he, Middlebrooks contended that enough fraud had been discovered to unseat Breckenridge, (though Clayton had been slain). When the case was submitted the investigating committee quickly reported the case to Congress. Mr. Middlebrooks was next appointed U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue. When the administration changed hands he turned over the office to our friends, the enemy.

He returned to the work of "Divine Commission" among his Baptist brethren, who received him with open arms. He is now engaged in lecturing to the people of Arkansas, disseminating religious knowledge by preaching, teaching, holding institutes, scattering Bibles, Testaments, Tracts and teaching the race to love and hold up their own enterprises, their leaders, both men and women. He is as proud o Fred Douglass as the English are of Wm. E. Gladstone; and is as familiar with the great leaders of the race, both men and women, as the children of Israel were with the history of Moses. He claims that race leaders are just as essential to the success of a people as generals to an army in time of war; that all races love their leaders better than the Negro race, and cites this as one of the great reasons why the race is no more successful than it is in their efforts, politically, religiously, morally, educationally and materially. Moses was a great leader and was well informed in the law and and the history and literature of his day, yet God gave him a pillow of fire by night and a pillow of cloud by day, as a leader to successfully direct his people. Our hero is now studiously and energetically engaged in his great work with such distinguished men as E. C. Morris, George Robinson, J. B. Robinson, Jno. Geeter, G. W. D. Gaines, J. R. Bennett, J. D. Humphrey, I. G. Bailey, E. Green, M. Proffit and still a greater number in erecting, founding and supporting the Arkansas Baptist College, for the better enlightening of the young Negroes of the South. He worships at the shrine of reason, is brave among the bravest. He is a hustler: left school in '70, organized the Pine Bluff Republican, was court sheriff, member of the board of health, twice elected on the National Republican ticket, nominated for the state legislature at the age of 18, trustee indeed of the Arkansas Baptist College, built the new Lake Side Missionary church, trustee indeed of the St. Paul Baptist church of Pine Bluff, a $20,000 edifice; Internal Revenue Collector U. S., Sunday School Missionary for the state of Arkansas, and colporter for the American Baptist Publication Society. His motto in life is, "stoop to conquer;" and his appeal to his people is, "learn something, know something, do something, have something, be something."

LYDIA A. PECK.

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Literary Note.

In relieving the unemployed last winter one of the most successful experiments was that tried by the Boston College Settlement (Derison House). A complete report of this work has been prepared by Miss Helena S. Dudley and published by the American Academy of Political and Social Science under the title of "Relief Work Carried on at the Wells Memorial Institute."* Miss Dudley explains their plan and methods, and draws some interesting and valuable conclusions from the results of their experiment. This monograph should be in the hands of every person interested in social questions and in charitable work.

*Dudley, Helena S "Relief Work Carried on in the Wells Memorial Institute." Philadelphia: American Academy of Political and Social Science. 1894. Publication No. 134. Pp. 21. Paper. 8vo. Price, 25 cents.

Dr. Parkhurst and Women.

Dr. Parkhurst has entered into a contract with the Ladies Home Journal by which he will practically become a regular editorial contributor to that magazine for some time. The great New York preacher says that he has for a long time past been desirous of saying some very necessary things to women and he now announces that he will say them through these articles. He will take up all the social, moral and equality questions which are so uppermost in the minds of women today. Dr. Parkhurst will begin this work at once, his first article appearing in the next issue of the Journal.

J. M. Henderson The "Taffy" Server.

BY REV. A. J. KERSHAW, OF TALAHASSA, FLA.

It has been thought that the Polititical atmosphere was the only place where the microtinean "taffy" server could be found, but the Rev. J. M. Henderson, of New York City, has proved that we were badly mistaken. The Political "taffy" server did duty among the Antidiluvians hence he is as old as Political science. But the ecclesiastical taffy server is a new discovery and a modern invention that has made its appearance among the vanishing shades of the nineteenth century. Dr. J. M. Henderson has attempted to create the impression among the young ministers of the A. M. E. church that the older ministers of said church are their natural enemies and the only way for them (the young ministers) to get their rights is to unite against the older ministers. I need not call the attention of our young ministers to the nature of Dr. Henderson's taffy, for you all know the difference between the sound of an engine's whistle and the toot of an old owl, but allow us to paint out what we conceive to be this brother's intention. First, he is to create a spirit of antagonism between our young and old ministers.

He is to fan this flame and keep it alive until our next General Conference, and upon this current he and his partner (H. T. Johnson) is to ride rough shode into our coming Gener- Conference, organize the young men, crush out the old dead beats, dictate law and order to that august body, have themselves elected, one to the bishopric, the other to one of the general officers and return in triumph to their respective homes. This is how I understand the Henderson-Johnson plan. We would say to these brethern, be careful, for we read once where a certain man built a gallows for another man, but history tells us that the builder was the only person that perished thereon, We now proceed to examine Dr. J. M. Henderson as he appears in print. We know "the great big chunk of ignorance that has hurled itself across the pathway of his (Johnson's) progress and we mean to rip it wide open if it don't roll away pretty quick." O, me what a wonder, "Jack the Ripper" right in New York City. "It is as much in the road of the rest of us young men as it is in that of Dr. Johnson. Give us sufficient provocation and we will make common cause." What, Dr. Henderson deems "sufficient provocation," we know not, for if president S. T. Mitchell, Prof. W. H. Gibson and the rest have not given "sufficient provocation" we are badly mistaken. The sum of the whole matter is this. Rev. H. T. Johnson, editor Christian Recorder visited Wilberforce University last June. On his return to Philadelphia he wrote an editorial hinting that the said school was rotton morally from cellar to garret. The president of said school asked Dr. Johnson to meet the mannagers at Wilberforce and prove his assertions. Dr. Johnson gets scared and dodges behind technicalities to shield himself from the stinging blows of an insulted community. Dr. Henderson heard the crows of his friend, Johnson, and made an attempt to defend him, but let us see what means did he use to recue his friend, "I know him to be sincere" says our young "Jack the Ripper" in his defence of Dr. H. T. Johnson.

Let us remind Dr. J. M. Henderson that a man may be sincere without being right. Sincerety is one thing, common sense is another. Who denies R. G. Ingersoll's sincerety, who ever denied the sincerety of Chas. Giteau or J. W. Booth. So our young friend Henderson cant't prove that Dr. Johnson was right simply because he was sincere. There was no "backing down" on Johnson's part, said brother Hendersen. We don't know whether there was "backing down" slipping down, or falling down, all we know is that Dr. Jahnson was down. Hence the tuging of Dr. Henderson to drag him off the sand bar, again says Dr. Henderson." The discipline of Wilberforce is not perfect." Surely the brother don't know what the word perfect means, for if he did he could not claim that the dicipline at Wilberforce could be perfect. Imperfection is a part of our common nature, and is found throughout all departments of human research. Dr. J. M. Henderson made a complete failure in his attempt to vindicate Dr. H. T. Johnson. It is true, he has fired his pop guns and toy pistols, but the distance between New York and Xenia is too long for his balls to reach the end of their destination. But to return Dr. J. M. Henderson will never be able to divide our ministry along the line of age, and the quicker he learns this the better for him. He is the self-appointed defender of our young ministry, and will see hereafter that they get their rights. We would say to our young brother such self assumption is ridiculous in the extreme. Let me ask brother Henderson whose influence is it that has transferred him from one big appointment to another for the last ten years? Our young ministers in our next General Conference will act and vote as they see fit, the Johnson-Henderson plan to the contrary notwithstanding. The A. M. E. church is too big to be small, and will never attempt to down a man because he is young.

The election of Dickerson to the bishopric and H. T. Johnson to the editorial chair of the Christian Recorder proves this. "Why not" elect H. T. Johnson to the bishopric at our next General Conference, asks J. M. Henderson. I can answer by saying the only reason why he can't be elected is, you can't control our young ministers. We belong to the younger ministry, but we will venture to say that the influence and advise of the old ministers will control our next General Conference, as it has all the rest. No class of men in the world has more respect for their ministerial fathers than have the young ministers of the A. M. E. church, and this attempt of Dr. J. M. Henderson to create the spirit of antagonism between them will utterly fail. Whenever the A. M. E. church wants Dr. H. T. Johnson for a bishop she will give him timely notice without any advice from the self-appointed defender of our young ministers. Let me say to Dr. Johnson, be careful about the company you keep, for Webster tells us about a dog named Tray who got a sound thrashing for being found in company with another quarrelsome cur.

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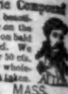

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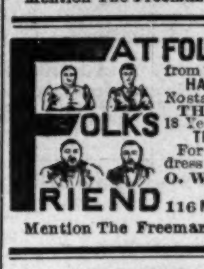

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General Retrospective View

the Vacation of '93—By Rev. D. S. Moten, Wilberforce University, Wilberfrrce, Ohio.

On June 18, '93, when that silver-tongued orator, the Hon. Fredrick Douglass, LL. D., fired the last commencement gun, the school year of '92-'93, was from thence of the past. July 3, '93, was the day that the Inter-national Y. P. S. C. E. delegates of Ohio were to take their exit for Montreal, Canada, and on this day were off for Montrael, via. Detroit, Mich., Niagara Falls, N. Y. Toronto, Canada, Kingston, Canada, and down the St. Lawrence river, passing the Thousand Isles and the noted Whirlpool Rapids, the Shooting Rapids adjacent to Montreal, thus reaching the city of Montreal Having touched, the shore, we were met by the Montreal reception committee. Enjoying a much needed rest and recuperation, the beautiful morning of Thursday ushered itself upon us and seemingly welcomed us to begin actively one of the greatest if not the greatest C. E. conventions that had ever been held.

The convention of Christian Endeavor in the city of Montreal was truly successful from Alpha to omega. As with all things of time, the end came, so the C. E. closed, and the more than 1,700 Christian Endeavors and thousands of friends and visitors began to have the very congenial city and people of Montreal, some for home and other places. The writer being kindly asked by a Toronto friend, Prof. M. V. Dillan, A. B., to stop over at Toronto and deliver an address at the Elm Street M. E. church, he consented. On the day appointed, I was off for Toronto. Arriving there in due time, I soon met friends whom I had met there in '91. At 8 o'clock a. m. per programme, the meeting was duly begun and more than successfully carried out by the presiding officer. The Canadian American speakers were Prof. Dillan, Rev. Paterson and Pres. Baker; the U. S. Americans were the Rt. Rev. Bishop Samuel Fallams, D. D., Rev. Randthaler, D. D., and the writer. Both Americas were well represented. Duty having been performed here, the writer was off indirectly for Wilberforce. Having been kindly requested by the president and the secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. of the state of Michigan to stop over on his return and organize a C. E. society, he acquiesced. Returing to Detroit, via Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y., I was soon on a tour in the state of Michigan, organizing C. E. societies. In less than two weeks the writer had organized a sufficient number of societies to reach an aggregate of nearly a quarter of a thousand members, organizing my last society at Windsor, Ont., Canada, with a membership of fifty enrolled.

Then returning to the Seminary, I was in time for my county Christian Endeavor Convention which convened in Xenia, O. The meetings were profoundly enjoyable to all. Rev. Wm. Boyd, B. D., read a very interesting paper on "Church Union." Miss Pemberton, a member of the Friends' church, delivered the finest address of the whole session. The writer delivered an address on "Public Confession." One of the most pleasant occasions of the summer vacation was the week spent at the Ohio Annual Conference at Portsmouth. Here the writer joined the conference and was ordained to deacon orders by the late lamented Bishop Daniel A. Payne. I also received my first appointment from his hands in '93, being appointed to the pastorate of the South Charleston and Jeffersonville A.M. E. churches (re-appointed by Bishop Arnett in '94.) At the conclusion of the conference the writer hastened back to the Seminary in time to visit the G. A. R. encampment and friends of Indianapolis, among them being Rev. T. Price of Allen Chapel, the erudite and potential editor and publisher Knox and Sweeney, of the grand old Freeman. Returning again to the Seminary, I was soon off for South Charleston, my maiden appointment. Here I was met by the church committee and was escorted to the place arranged for the pastor to domicile; preached in South Charleston on Sabbath and organized a Christian Endeavor Society Sunday, before preaching; visited Jeffersonville church on Tuesday evening; preached at 7:30 p. m., organizing a Christian Endeavor there also. The public schools at both places were visited, and by request addresses were delivered to several different departments. The sanctum of the local papers were looked in upon. The Wilberforce public school, efficiently taught by Mrs. A. H. Coleman and Miss Anna Lee was finally visited and addressed. Just before the close of the vacation I re-visted Portsmouth by request to officiate at the marriage of a Portsmouth son and daughter. Over three thousand pupils of different schools, in different cities, were addressed. Greenup, Ky., was also visited and schools addressed, and a lively Christian Endeavor was organized by the writer. Miss Maggie M. Chilllson of Greenup is one of the very active members of the society. Organizing C. E. Societies at Cindeville, Chillicothe and other places on my return. I finally reached the Seminary to answer to roll call at its opening the first Tuesday in October '93. This may be considered the general finis of the vacation of '93. Let us young people, especially, but all people in general, preach, pray and practice the true christian endeavor spirit—being all we can be, and doing all we can do, for Christ and the church.

Theory of Kindergarten Methods

A Study from Froebel's "Education of Man."

BY ELIZABETH H. BAKER, NASHVILLE, TENN.

ELEVENTH GIFT—RINGS AND HALF RINGS.

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One word of correction as to an errer which crept into our last article, i. e., the slat is the embodied edge of the square, triangle or other figure having straight lines for edges. The ring is the embodied edge of the circle. This gift consists of twenty-four rings each of three different sizes, viz: one inch, one and one half inch, and two inches respectively in diameter, and forty-eight half rings corresponding in size to the whole rings.

"There is nothing new under the sun," and Frobel did not invent a single new play or occupation for the children. He simply inquired into the logic of the plays which had been taught by mothers to their children for ages; he developed and extended them and arranged them in logical order. The rings are made of iron and the material furnishes an almost inexhaustible fund of information about mines, miners, uses to which iron is put, etc. The child is never crammed with such information, but as his curiosity is excited it is gratified. With the sticks, forms of life and geometrical forms were best made, but with this gift forms of beauty are numerous. In the rings there is an absence of angles. One ring may be placed inside another larger one, either to form parallel lines or with one side touching another. They also learn the difference in the roundness of the circle and the roundness of the ring. The arranging of the circle over the square network of the table also shows the relation of the circle to the square and must prove of service when learning to draw curved lines and circles.

Forms of life are not numerous that can be made with rings alone, but combined with the sticks, some comical representations may be produced. A bird is made of six sticks and six half rings, but we will not attempt to describe what can only be justly appreciated by sight or illustrations.

THE THREAD.

The cube represents the body, the tablets, the plane and the slats; sticks, rings and thread represent the line. This is an excellent exercise for children who are clumsy with their hands. The thread is usually red cotton about thirty inches in length. They learn to make the "cat's cradle," the "cheese board," and various other arrangements. This material also furnishes lessons on the productions of our country and its occupations. Forms of life and beauty are also made with it. Forms made with wet thread on the slate may be left to dry and afterwards traced with the pencil. The thread may be wet in different colors of ink and paper pressed lightly upon it which gives it a permanent impression and is much truer than freehand drawing at this early age. This furnishes pleasant amusement to the child when he might otherwise be in mischief.

THE POINT.

We come now to the last stop in abstraction. The point is the end of the line and is represented in the kindergarten by various materials; seeds, shells, small pebbles, or buds of flowers. These can be taken hold of by the child and arranged into lines. The pea, the bean or the lentil is the embodiment of the point to the child. We should not even try to explain to him the pure mathematical conception that the point has neither length, breadth or thickness. A seed may be planted and the child may watch its germination and growth. Different kinds of seed may be given and the child be allowed to sort them out. This teaches order and neatness. According to "logical sequence" this gift should be the last to be given, but practically it is one of the first. It seems to act as a starting point for many ideas to the child. The straight line is formed by laying the seed on the intersections of the squares of the table, either from right to left or front to back, giving five seed at a time until he has five times five. The circular line is also represented and he thus learns that it continually changes its direction with each added "point." The point closes the analytical work of the kindergarten.

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In 1878 while attending the Normal College the principal, Prof. D. C. Corbin, gave Smith a class in Robinson's complete arithmetic to teach. The class under Smith's direction completed the book with the admiration of the members and satisfaction to the principal. In 1882, he graduated the valedictorian of his class with the title A. B. He was rigidly examined by Hon. W. E. Thompson, State superintendent, and was immediately appointed teacher of mathematics in the Branch Normal College, which position he still holds. In 1883, he was joined in matrimony to Miss Ada Gaines, of Pine Bluff. He is a kind husband and intellegent father, and a generous friend. He was a candidate for alderman in his ward, in 1887, though the majority of votes bv far, were white, yet Smith was defeated by only eleven votes. No colored man has ever been elected alderman in the ward. Smiths friends urged his candidacy against his will to ascertain the number of colored voters.

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John Mason, of Bloomington, Ind., is in the city.

Leander Lee spent Christmas in Richmond, Ind.

Mrs. Fannie McNeil has returned from Wisconsin.

Mrs. James Mann will make Chicago her future home.

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Mrs. Cooper, 500 N. West street, has gone to Denver, Col.

A. E. Manning was in Greenfield last week on business.

J. E. Fox, of Hendetson, Ky., spent Christmas in the city.

Mrs. Ollie McCary is visiting friends and relatives in Cleveland, O.

Charles Sweeney attended a banquet given at Muncie last Friday night.

The Christmas tree given at Simpson Chapel on Tuesday night was a grand success.

I. N. Winburn, of Richmond, Ind., was in the city last Monday, en route to Arcadia.

R. A. Roberts, of Shelbyville, Ind., was in the city Monday. He left in the evening for Chicago.

Miss Allie Roberts, of Charlottesville, Ind., is visiting Mrs. Nellie Nicholson, of Mahew street.

By the orders of Mr. Louis Reibold, proprietor of the Bates House, all of the waiters had their mustache remoued.

Mr. Aaron O'Connor and wife, after a pleasant sfay of two months in our city, left last week for Florida, stopping at Atlanta, Ga., to spend the Christmas.

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List of Ladies who will "Receive."

The Trichotomous Club will keep open house at Allen Chapel New Year's day receiving from two till seven. At eight o'clock the beautiful drama, "The Last Loaf," will be presented. All are invited to pay us a visit. About fifty or more ladies will assist in receiving. A few of the names are: Mesdames Jones, Mary Johnson, Sarah Dudley, Lizzie Venable, Will Collins, M. Venable, Ella Williams, Emma Johnson, Lottie Nunn, M. E. Brown, Gen. Payne, Burce, Mattie Green, Simms, Bush, Laura Wise, Helen Ashley, Jackson, Weber, Doke, and Misses M. Miller, Fannie Hardric, Mattie Miller, Mamie White, Young, A. Edwards, Steeple, Carey, Rose, Dean, Felton, Mary Broyles, Anna McKee, Allie Morgan, Mary Newland, Susan Newland, Mamie Johnson, B. James and many others.

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The "Tuxedos," Indianapolis' most splendid club of young men, gave a delightful musical and literary entertainment Friday evening at the Second Baptist church. The laughable "Skid," "The District School," was the chief feature of the bill, "Jake" Fiddler, our most versatile "laugh-maker," coming in for a good share of the praise. Special number by the Misses Spires, Clay and Morgan, assisted by Messrs. Reed, Shelton and others made up a truly good program. W. Allison Sweeney in the course of the evening contributed a short talk on the "School of the Olden Time."

The "Just a Few" Banquet.

This well known social organization of which the officers are John Elden, president, John Bass vice, John Woods secretary, Alex Nichols treasurer, Prof. Fred Lewis, herald, gave their initial "invitational" reception at Odd Fellow's hall Christmas night. The arrangement of the table would have charmed an epicure, the menu being all the most diversified taste could desire. The members of the club left nothing undone for the comfort and pleasure of other guests, and splendid order obtained throughout the evening. One hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen occupied seats around the festive board. W. Allison Sweeney and Chas. Stapp furnished the mental pabulum for the occasion, Franklin's orchestra furnishing the music.

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A Pleasing Entertainment.

Christmas evening a very pleasing entertainment was given at the National Surgical Institute by J. H. Fiddler, the well known humorous impersonator and mimic, and Prof. R. B. Shelton, an accomplished pianist. They were assisted by the Misses Katie Clay, Druetta Dixon and Georgia Stevenson and the Tuxedo quartet. The program was replete with fine musical selections and amusing impersonations.

Grandest Effort In Negro Journalism.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—Fined enclosed $1 for my subscription renewal to the grandest effort in Negro journalism, The Freeman. No paper can be a failure with such men at its helm as Knox and Sweeney. I keep The Freeman on the table in my place of business all the week The white people read and commend it. Too many of our race get their race paper and hide it in a drawer or their pocket as if they had obtained it by theft. Put the race paper where the white people can see it, that they may know something of us, other than rapist, chicken thieves. crap shooters and water melon eaters, is my motto. While it is not my desire to "puff" up The Freeman and speak disparagingly of the lesser lights I must commend The Freeman. R. B. ALEXANDER.

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Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Mrs. Moore, a cousin of Mrs. Thornton who has been on the sick list for several months is slowly improving. Rev. Hook of Little Rock, held the preacher's institute at Baptist Grove. They had a successful meeting. Dr. Fanning of Holly Grove visited Mrs. Dyer recently. Miss Whitening of Helena, and Miss Ida B. Adams of Shorter University are with us. Mrs. Sarah Harvick, one of the Willing Workers of the Baptist Sunday school is busy arranging for their concert to occur some time next month. J. E. Hamilton is in Memphis visiting.

Don't forget the G. U. O. of O. F. at the opera house January 4th. Dr. Fanning of Holly Grove was in the city last Sunday. Miss Glenie Chaple one of the faculties of the Helena High school was in the city last Saturday en route to Pine Bluff. She called to see Miss Burry and took a peep in the A. M. E. church. Mrs. Stokes is spending the holidays with her mother and many friends. J. B. Jetter spent Christmas in the city. H. C. Ellison and Mr. Kemp spent the holidays in Pine B uff, Little Rock and Hot Springs. J. E. Hamilton is spending the holidays with his wife in Memphis. Miss Roberts who has been a little ill is able to be out at this writing. The missionary social at Mrs. Hall's on the 13th was a success. Mrs. Moore is getting along nicely.

A Good School.

Dermott, Ark., Special.

Dermott has another grocery store kept by G. V. Jones. Mrs. G. W. Lacey reports a splendid visit to Little Rock. Miss Josie E. Jamison and Miss Irene Reed have left for Pine Bluff. The public schools of this town have a very large attendance, the daily average being 133. Mr. Coleman and Miss Fannie are doing much good as instructors. James M. Holland left for Arkansas City to open school for R. C. Wedington who is ill. Several of our young ladies and gentlemen spent Christmas away. We regret to hear that Mr and Mrs. J. L. Palmer expect to leave our city. The young people of the A. M. E. church gave a concert during Christmas.

There was a grand entertainment Dec. 22nd given by Lawyer H. L Hadley at Hadley's Hall. Quite a large number was out. Miss Francis Termin, one of Dermott's society belles carried off the prize which was a very fine one. Lee House, our town barber is said to be the best shot in Chicot county. The Christmas number of The F eeman sold like hot cakes in Dermott. The agent did not have more than half enough to supply the demand. Twenty-five copies were sold in a short time and everybody is proud of the great race journal of Indianapolis.

Personal Mention.

North Birmingham, Ala., Special.

Mr. J. W. Watts was a recent guest of Mr. Louis Erell at Pratt City. Mrs. Fannie Wright is visiting her son. Peter Wright. Mrs. Owens of Alexandria, Ala., has moved to North Birmingham. Mr. Ike Finderson will ride the "waverly" hereafter. The members of the A M. E. church surprised their pastor, Rev. R. Gray, lately. Mrs. Prowell, of Columbus, Miss., is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs Lucy Roberson. Mrs. Gertrude Foster is out again after a long illness. Rev J. A. Piel is recovering very fast. Miss Rebecca Washington is on a visit at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sunday School Elect Officers.

Monmouth, Ill., Special.

The Second Baptist Sunday School elected the following officers for the ensuing year: J. G. Johnson, superintendent; Miss Ella Wallace, assistant superintendent; Mrs J. G. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Mrs. M. Floyd, treasurer: Miss Bessie Wallace, organist. Rev. Ridley, of Indianapolis, preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday.

Fine Address Delivered.

Caldwell, Tenn., Special.

Rev. H. Solomon delivered a fine address recently. Miss Lula McKinney is visiting her mother at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips' son was badly wounded by a stone thrown by a sling. The lodge, W. M. A. A. No. 14, was recently organized with five members. H. T. White and his subscribers are dear lovers of The Freeman.

A Pleasant Affair.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

The recent entertainment of the U. L. and S. club at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams, 71 Monroe street, was a pleasant affair. After routine business, the following program was rendered: Recitation, Mrs. Thos. Williams; piano solo, T. G Williams; address, I. E. Jones; poem, Mrs. R H. Young.

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